

Myerstown United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 23, 2020

Worship Time 10:00 am

Whoever You Are
Wherever You are on Life's Journey
You are welcome here!

Gathering Music *CWM Rhondda [God of Grace & Glory]* Paul Manz

Welcome & Announcements Paul Cronin

*Choral Call to Worship *This Is the Day*

This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

*Call to Worship Doug Bohannon

L: Be still and know that God is.

P: God was, also, in the beginning.

L: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**P: From everlasting to everlasting,
God is God and alone is worthy to be worshiped.**

L: Let us sing praise to our God.

*Hymn of Praise #91 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

*Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon **"Story Time"**

(following the Children's Sermon, children may return

To sit with their parents or move to the Nursery)

Call to Confession Paul Cronin

Time of Confession [in unison] Doug Bohannon

God of all space and time, you speak to us through the beauty of a child's smile, and we pass by, not noticing. You speak to us through the tears of a wise and wizened woman, and our attention is focused

elsewhere. You speak to us through the vulnerable words of the prophets, and we are focused on profits, instead. You speak to us in many and various ways but our attention is focused on everything else. Forgive our lack of attention, and help us to quiet our minds and spirits to listen to your voice in all its forms. Through the One who is the Word made flesh. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Paul Cronin

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Lesson Doug Bohannon

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 17:1-7 Paul Cronin

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus

came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

Hymn of Preparation 43 *Majesty*

Sermon

Prayers of Pastor & People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Our Best to God

Invitation

Offertory *"All Glory be to God on High"* Johann Pachelbel

*Offertory Response

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Parting #501 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Sending Forth

*Song of Sending

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,

The people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended

The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,

*Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.*

*Postlude *"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"* John Dunstable

Acknowledgements

We thank Lauren Cronin for providing the Conversation nourishment after the service this morning. Let us all gather to continue our time together as God's family to fellowship with each other. *Wear your name tag, please.*

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Prayer List

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|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Nancy Brown                | Bernadette Petzinger | Rosene Duffy          |
| Steve Norford              | James Haines         | Suzanne Fritsch       |
| Ellen Goodyear             | Ruthann Snoke        | Bill Gracely          |
| Ralph Woynarowski          | Jewel Fessler        | Linda Feaser          |
| Rosalla Hollenbach         | Joanne Frantz        | Heather & Elvin Perez |
| The family of Helen Snyder |                      |                       |

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Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Beginning tomorrow, February 24th, the office will be open from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday.

SINGERS & RINGERS:

Singers: Children of all ages are needed to help us with a special part in the choir anthem for Palm Sunday (4/5.) Rehearsals will be held from 9:30 - 9:45 am on Sundays, March 8 and April 5th AND/OR Sunday March 22 at 11 am. You do not need to attend all rehearsals to sing.

Ringers: 4 youth tone chime ringers are also needed. Rehearsal time will be set based on the availability of the youth. Please sign-up on the information counter, contact the church office, or Emily Frantz. muccparishadmin@comcast.net. Thank you!!

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: One adult and youth helpers are needed for February 23 and every Sunday in March from 8:45 am - 9:30 am. Materials provided. Extra youth are needed in March to help in the Primary classroom

also. Please consider helping this ministry to grow. Sign-up available online or on the Information Counter.

Worship Childcare Help Needed: Every Sunday in March from the Children's Message (approximately 10:15 am) until the end of worship (approximately 11 am). Sign-up available online or on the Information Counter.

NAME TAGS: Thanks to everyone who patiently waited to get a name tag and proudly wear it. An excellent suggestion was made to keep the name tags on during the Conversational. That's the time most of the socializing and getting to know each other happens. Also, **if it's too crowded at the Name Tag table**, please put your name tag in the Name Tag bin. It will find its way back to the correct location.

GIFT CARD ORDERS will be collected next Sunday, March 1st. Pick up a form today on the Information Table.

BULLETIN INFORMATION: Announcements and other information to be included in the weekly bulletin need to be submitted to the Church Office by 9 am on a Tuesday morning. It is preferred that the information be sent electronically to myerstownucc@comcast.net. The Communication Book on the Information Table is another possibility. Please write or print legibly.

VINEYARD INFORMATION: Information to be included in the newsletter needs to be submitted to the Church Office by 9 am on the 20th of the month. It is preferred that the information be sent electronically. The Church Office requests that each committee or task group provide a one-paragraph summary of the most recent meeting. In order to keep everyone informed, a monthly calendar will be added to the Vineyard. Consequently, all groups are asked to send meeting dates for March immediately.

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### Worship Assistants for March 1, 2020

8:00 am Service **Open Church:** Cal Beamesderfer  
**Greeter:** Lindy Bennetch **Worship Leader:** Wanda Rabold  
 10:00 am Service **Sound:** Bob Dash  
**Greeters:** Ted & Carol Batdorff **Worship Leaders:** Kristi Fields, Darryl Brown  
**Nursery Attendants:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ushers:** Doug, Stephanie & Braden Bohannon, Kenny Patrick  
**Communion Servers:** Doug, Stephanie, & Braden Bohannon, David & Jen Blystone  
**Counting Team:** Ted & Carol Batdorff, Darryl Brown  
**Flower Sponsor:** Candy Hibshman, Suzie Schott

### Calendar for This Week

Today, Sunday, February 23  
 8:00 am Brief Worship  
 8:45 am Small group meetings.  
 8:45 am Prayer Team [Prayer Room]  
 10:00 am Worship

Monday, February 24  
 8:30 am Strong Bones [Social Hall]  
 9:00 am - noon Church Office Open  
 6:30 pm Worship Support Team [Library]

Tuesday, February 25  
 9:00 am - noon Church Office Open  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Pastor Paul on site\*  
 6:30 pm Children & Youth Ministry Team [Library]

Wednesday, February 26 **Ash Wednesday**  
 9:00 am - noon Church Office Open  
 12:10 pm Ash Wednesday Service @ Friedens Lutheran  
 6:30 pm Scouts [Social Hall]  
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 27  
 9:00 am - noon Church Office Open  
 8:30 am Strong Bones [Social Hall]  
 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Pastor Paul on site\*

Friday, February 28  
 9:00 am - noon Church Office Open

Saturday, February 29  
**Happy Birthday to those who only have one every 4 years!**

Sunday, March 1  
 8:00 am Brief Worship  
 8:45 am Faith Formation Groups  
 8:45 am Prayer Team [Prayer Room]  
 10:00 am Worship

\*On site for Pastor Paul means that he plans to be here. Those are also the times that he will be scheduling meetings. It is always preferred to make an appointment if you want to meet with him. Please contact the church office to establish the visit.

# Lent

The liturgical season of Lent is determined each year by the Pascal full moon which is the first full moon after the spring equinox. Easter is the Sunday immediately following the Pascal full moon. Count back 46 days; the date for Ash Wednesday

**February 26th**  
 12:10 pm: Service of Ashes at Friedens Lutheran  
 7:00 pm: Service of Ashes at Myerstown UCC

**April 9th:**  
 Maundy Thursday

**April 10th:**  
 Good Friday

**April 12th:**  
 Easter

**April 5th:**  
 Palm Sunday

**April 10th:**  
 noon: Community March with the cross  
 2:00 pm Community Service



## Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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 Lindy Bennetch----- ----- Financial Administrator  
 Jim Yoder----- ----- Church Secretary  
 Elicia Frank----- ----- Custodian

### Worship Assistants

Appreciation to the following who participated in today's service:

**Organist:** Mark Herr

#### 8:00 am Service

**Open Church:** Marcia Bicher

**Greeter:**

Shirley Krall

**Worship Leader:** Wanda Rabold

#### 10:00 am Service

**Greeters:**

Annamarie Behm

**Sound:** Bob Dash

**Worship Leader:** Doug Bonannon

**Ushers**

Ed & Candy Hibshman, Terry & Suzie Schott, Kenny Patrick

**Nursery Attendants:**

Gia & Camilla Zimmerman

**Counting Team**

Ed & Candy Hibshman, Terry & Suzie Schott

### Stewardship Report for Sunday, February 16, 2020

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|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------|
| General Fund            | \$2,420 | OCWM              | \$120 |
| Church Improvement Fund |         |                   | \$305 |
| Hartman Center          |         |                   | \$70  |
| Attendance 8 am:        | 19      | Attendance 10 am: | 72    |