Celebration of Worship For the Lord's Day Second Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 25, 2024

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Song of Praise: #435:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (all 3 verses)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
- **P:** slow to anger and abounding in love.
- L: The law of the Lord revives the soul;
- **P:** the word of God makes the simple wise.
- L: Come, let us worship God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord...(please continue to pray in silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends! The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

DOXOLOGY #624

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*HYMN OF PRAISE #CD:

Lord, I Need You

Psalm 23:5

(using "debts" and "debtors")

Peace Like a River (all 3 verses)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE L: YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH **P: AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE.**

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: L: This is the word of the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "Prepared Table"

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SENDING OUT SONG #498:

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*all who are able, please stand

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NEW PRAYER OF CONCERNS family of Doris Walker

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS: Dorcea Troup, Janelle, Janet Hallman, Esther Irvine, Jackie Blose Schrecengost, Hudson Overly, Larry Ferringer, Richard Barnett, Donna Detwiler, Randy Freehling, Bill Calhoun, Melissa Olinger, (McKenzie Buzzard, Garrett Askew, Alessia Park-Hedges, Andrew Jones, Scott Davis, Cameron and Leslie Neigh, Ron Boyer Jr.; and all our military) Our Rwanda Partner Church: Mucabira

Today is the second Sunday of Lent.

The choir will begin practice on Wednesday, February 28th at 7pm in the church. All are welcome.

The order forms for Easter flowers are in the Narthex. The deadline is today.

A Lenten Bible Study/Prayer Group will meet this year on Tuesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. for four weeks starting February 27th, March 5th, March 12th and ending on March 19th. We are asking people to sign up ahead of time if they plan on attending any of the sessions. Please contact Pastor Sheila at <u>724-525-7470</u> if you plan to attend. This will help us with the planning.

There will be no Women's Association meeting in March but will begin on Thursday, April 4th at 1pm in the academy. Feel free to bring a friend and enjoy the time together. More info coming later this month.

By action of the Session, March 10th has been set for the annual Congregational Meeting/covered dish dinner following morning worship. S/ Joanne Colligan

We are in need of individually wrapped Small candies for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 a.m. Please leave donations in the Narthex or the Academy basement before March 24th.

The Dayton Global Methodist are planning a bus trip to Lancaster to the Sights 'n Sounds Theater for the play, "Daniel" on April 16th. Please contact Irene Shulick at 724-783-6586 for more information.