

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023

PRELUDE
(8:00 AM)

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
“In the Presence/Surely the Presence”

arr. Mier
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
“Neo-Classique”
“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

arr. Wagner
Mark Hayes
arr. Hayes

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at First United Methodist Church this morning. Please SIGN AND PASS the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number because we would like to thank you for being with us.

***HYMN No. 452**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Olivet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God’s sight chosen and precious.

People: **We have responded to Christ’s call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God’s presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God’s people, called out of the darkness into God’s marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

People: **Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

ANTHEM
(10:00 am only)

“Pieta”

Joseph Martin

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dee Dee Tucker

*** PSALTER**

Psalm 40

Pages 774–775

***GLORIA PATRI No. 71**

Pew Hymnal Page 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using sins)

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"
(10:00 AM only)

arr. Hayes

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

Pew Hymnal Page 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS

SCRIPTURE

"Luke 13:10 - 17"

Pew Bible Pages 950 - 951

MESSAGE

"Straighten Up"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 370**

"Victory in Jesus"

Hartford

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

"Rock of Ages"

arr. Courtney

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

"Boundless Mercy"

Giamanco

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, soloist Melissa McCracken, flautist Pat Murphy, and pianist Janet Lord. We welcome Janet as our guest pianist for the choir anthem and the piano duet with Michele. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Tawni Betts.

ACOLYTES today are Grady Corey and Gavin Rex.

USHERS today are Team 2, Captain George Lilja.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in memory of Chester Devereaux, given by Cheri Devereaux.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in memory of Ralph Ord, given by Lynn Ord.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Mrs. Joyce Mangini, 205 Water Street, Room 537, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

INFORMATION MEETING ~ There will be an information meeting about our next steps in the disaffiliation process today, immediately following both services. The next two steps are affiliating with a denomination and choosing a name for this church. The Administrative Council has recommended affiliating with the Global Methodist Church and changing the church name back to First Methodist Church. Rev. Janet Lord, a Deacon serving as the Global Methodist Church Organizer in Western Pennsylvania, will be with us to provide insight and answer any questions about the Global Methodist Church. A Congregational Vote on the two steps will occur next Sunday, March 26, at both services.

WELCOME ~ If you are interested in attending a new member class at the First United Methodist Church, please contact the church office at 814-723-4930.

CROSSING BREAKFAST SUPPORT ~ The Crossing has volunteers to staff the free Saturday morning breakfasts. However, due to increased costs, we need additional funds to cover the food and supplies required. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Funds can be directed to FUMC or The Crossing (350 Pennsylvania Ave W). Thank you. God bless.

FREE CONCERT ~ The Silver Winds Flute Choir will present a free Celtic and Classics concert, today at 4:00 PM. The concert will take place in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENT ~ We are considering the possibility of conducting baptisms in March or April. If you are interested in being baptized or having children or grandchildren baptized, please contact the office at 814 - 723 - 4930.

LENTEN FAIR ~ Please join us for our **LENTEN FAIR** on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. Enjoy the many activities we have planned for you and your family. (This event is for children of ALL ages!) There will be egg decorating, pretzel making, cookie decorating, an Easter egg hunt, and much more. You won't want to miss the action beginning at 8:30 AM in Founder's Hall. (2nd Floor) For this event, we need help from our adults and older youth. Please consider giving your time to this wonderful event. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for those who are able to help. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship at our 2023 Lenten Fair!!

COOKIES FOR SHARING PLACE ~ Sharing Place provides meals for anyone in the community from 3:30 PM—5:00 PM on Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church located at 300 Market Street, Warren, PA. In order to provide this ministry to the community, local churches work together to provide meal items. The First United Methodist Church has been asked to provide 14 dozen cookies for the Thursday meal on March 23rd. If you are willing and would like to donate some cookies for the Sharing Place. Please drop off the cookies in the Covert Room by Wednesday, March 22nd. There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board across from the office. Thank you!

GUEST SPEAKER ~ On April 16th, we will welcome Dr. Belinda Forbes, a dentist serving with AMOS Salud y Esperanza (Health and Hope) in Nicaragua as the Liaison for Faith and Health Partnerships. Her responsibilities include supporting AMOS's Primary Health Care Program and accompanying delegations, volunteers, and communications. Belinda will be speaking at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services on April 16th. A lunch in Founder's Hall will follow the 10:00 service, where Dr. Forbes will give a presentation. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

March 19, 2023 – March 25, 2023

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
Immediately Following - Information Meeting; Parlors
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
Immediately Following - Information Meeting; Parlors
11:00 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
4:00 PM Silver Winds Flute Concert; Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group—Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Covert Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
12:30 PM Tuesday Afternoon Study; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlors
1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary
2:00 PM Lions Meeting; Parlor A
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym
5:30 PM Soup and Study Luke 14:7-24; 18:9-14; FH
6:30 PM NO Epworth Handbells
6:45 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting; Covert Room

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office
10:00 AM Praying Makers Group; Covert Room
3:30 PM LOGOS - Wesley Woods Night
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM U10 Soccer Practice; Gym
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall

As we move ahead with plans to join a new denomination, we will need to replace the hymnals currently in use. Hymnals given in memory or honor of family and friends are available now in Parlor A to take by our congregation. Once we receive new hymnals, all current hymnals will be available to you, and those left will be taken to the conference center.

The Worship Committee is recommending the purchase of a new hymnal "Our Great Redeemer's Praise." It is published by Seedbed, Inc. and represents the full scope of John and Charles Wesley's theological heritage. We are excited about this new tool for worship.

We will be accepting and encouraging you to purchase a hymnal in honor or memory of someone close to you. The cost is \$30.00, and payment can be made at any time to the office. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church and returned to the office with the order form at the bottom. A plaque will be placed inside each hymnal with your information.

If you have questions or want to see this new hymnal, please see Ruth Nelson or Michele Sandberg. Thank you for your support as we move into new and exciting times.



(Return to the church office with payment.)

I wish to order _____ hymnals at a cost of \$30.00 each.

Please check appropriate line for the plaque (s):

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

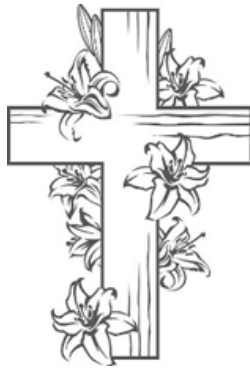
OR

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____

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By _____



**THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Market Street
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365**

ASSORTED EASTER FLOWERS

Our Sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers

The cost of each plant is **\$11.00** if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

FLOWERS GIVEN BY:

I wish to purchase _____ assorted flowers at a total cost of \$_____

I wish to give \$_____ to the Flower Fund.

I will pick up a flower at the end of the Service Yes / No (Circle one)

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS:

April 3, 2023

NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
2023**



**Time to start your Spring House Cleaning!
The Annual Rummage Sale will be held April 21st and 22nd!**

Friday, April 21, 2021 -----9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, April 22, 2021 -----9:00 AM – Noon (\$1.00 Bag Day)

We need a lot of willing volunteers to help with this sale.

Volunteer Work Hours: Monday - Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 AM

ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

April 13th & April 14th

After 3:00 PM

April 17th – April 21st

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Large and/or Gardening items and furniture may be brought to the garage.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS OUTSIDE THE GARAGE!

All other items should be brought to the church gym.

We are looking for good, clean clothes and workable household items to sell!

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ELECTRONICS or ENCYCLOPEDIAS!

We need a lot of willing volunteers to help with this sale.

Volunteer Work Hours: Monday - Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 AM

In conjunction with the sale, we will also have our Daughters Banquet on Thursday, April 20th.

This event will begin with punch in the parlors at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner being served at 6:00 PM.

As in the past, you won't want to miss the fabulous Fashion Show of items from the rummage sale as the main event of the dinner. Gather all your lady friends and make a reservation for dinner by Monday, April 17th by calling Barb in the church office at 814-723-4930.

Breakthrough Prayer

In her book, Open Road, the Adventure of a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative, Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey asks you to consider whether you think of your church as an organization, or a movement.

What might happen if we started thinking of our church as a movement? A movement is defined as “a rapid progression of events,” or “a series of actions and activities trending toward a new direction?” Our church right now is entering a new and exciting time, and we should be open to what God will do through us.

She points out that the prayer that always works is “*Thy Will Be Done.*” Basically a breakthrough prayer is this prayer phrased another way. This moves a congregation from managing logistics to participating in a Spiritual movement. Often our prayers focus on needs—the needs of our family, our friends, or ourselves. A breakthrough prayer invites God to miraculously break through, open new doors, and usher in new possibilities. We ask God how we are to follow God’s will in new ways.

Join us next Sunday, March 26, from 9:00-9:30 a.m., to find out more about breakthrough prayer, and together write a prayer to be used with our congregation as we move forward to what God is calling us to be. Tawni Betts will facilitate the discussion on the 26th.