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*Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024*

Greeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship,

**People: for we walk in the light of God’s presence!**

Pastor: Let’s worship God together—

People: celebrating who he is and all that he has done!

Pastor: For God is our strength and our protection,

**People: the One in whom we trust.**

**Worship Music Grace Like Rain**

OPENING PRAYER

God, we are here to dedicate ourselves to you, because when we do, our lives are more joyful and complete. Help us to recognize the ways you move and are in our lives, so that we might live more fully in service to you we pray. Guide us so that we may be truly yours in our time of worship and as we go into the world with you as our cornerstone. **AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #400

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 86: 8-12 NIV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC Ashes Garry Christ

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

When so much around us tells us to hold tightly to our money and resources, or spend and consume beyond our means and rack up large debt, we choose to turn the tables, follow Jesus, and give some of it away. Please join me in contradicting the world’s foolishness by giving generously.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Grace, multiply these tithes and offerings so that this church’s ministry and mission radically change lives and create new evangelism opportunities. We pray that these gifts may help all of your children build a temple within their own body that brings honor and praise to you. In the name of Jesus who went to Calvary, we pray. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12: 1-12 NLT

HYMN OF PREPARATION Spirit of God. Descend upon My Heart(Vs1-3) #500

SERMON From Where I Stand Pastor Lyle

***The Great Thanksgiving***

Invitation to Communion:

The table of the United Methodist Church is an open table. All who repent of their sin and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord are welcome. Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak. Come, not because of any goodness of your own but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved us and gave himself for us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your judgment. For our sake, and the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. Amen.**

Time of Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That is proof of God’s love for us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Please follow the liturgy at page 15 in the hymnal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

GIVING THE BREAD

As the bread is passed by the ushers, we will sing together Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast #616 (Verses 1 & 2). Please hold bread until instruction by the pastor. We will all share it together.

GIVING THE CUP

As the cup is passed by the ushers, we will sing together Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast #616 (Verses 3, 4 & 5). Please hold the cup until instruction by the pastor. We will all share it together.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be #399

BENEDICTION

May the God of all goodness and mercy follow you on this Lenten journey and may the barren parts of your life be made fruitful through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Prayer List:**

Amber – breast cancer Faye Miller - immunotherapy

Margaret Bollinger – chemo therapy Nash – leukemia (home)

Brenda – passing of her sister People in Israel and Gaza and Ukraine

Family of Glen Bubbenmoyer Police officers

Donna – cancer treatable Connie Rupp – hospice care at Fairmont

Mike Fassnacht – Not cancer! Dr. Bill Schlorff – stage 3 throat cancer

Daniel Heiser – hospice care Sharon - brain cancer

Linda Slafkovski – metastatic cancer Shooting victims in Kansas City

Cindy Haines – skilled care Dawn Smith – stage 4 cancer

Mary Jenks – Cancer surgery Tom Steffy – doctor appointments

Kellen – reaction to lymphoma treatment Roy Weik – Health Center Cornwall

Employees of Martin’s in Ephrata Alex Wenger- leukemia

**SUNDAY MORNING OFFERING**

**OFFERING AMT NEEDED EACH WEEK       $1,400**

**OFFERING February 25th $ 792**

**AMT OF OFFERING NEEDED TO     $11,200**

**AMT RECEIVED TO DATE         $20,560**

**BUDGET YTD +$9360 Attendance – 37 Folks**

**What’s happening at Wiest:**

The Chosen – video series – 1030 Sunday after church

Bible Study – Tuesdays 1000-1200.

Choir Practice – Thursdays 1200 PM

Girl Scouts – 2nd Thursday of each month

Council Meeting – Monday March 4 6PM

Girl Scout Sunday – March 10, 2024

Game Day – Thursday March 14th and March 28th 130-330 PM

Blessings of Hope – Saturday March 23rd 1030-1100

Community Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday March 30th 2PM Schoeneck Park

Audio of the Sunday message is posted on our church website ([www.wiestchurch.org](http://www.wiestchurch.org)). Video on Wiest Church Facebook page

Birthdays and Anniversaries

9- Lamar Horst 20- Dave and Janie Buchter

Mary Lou Shirk

11- Pat Jones

12- George Walter

13- Harlan Shirk

15- Ernie Dunkelberger

22- Connie Rupp

Lectionary Readings for next week: Sunday – Mark 12: 13-17

Monday – Mark 12: 18-27 Thursday – Leviticus 19: 13-18

Tuesday – Mark 12: 28-34 Friday – Hosea 6: 1-8

Wednesday – Deuteronomy 6: 1-5 Saturday – Mark 12 35-40

Sermon Summary

From Where I Stand

Sermon Quiz

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5. Moments of revelation and insight are followed by darkness and failure.
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Last Week’s Quiz

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