**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

8:15 & 11:00 AM

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, March 22:** Suzanne Hamilton, Mandy Voss
**Monday, March 23:** Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck, Gabby Zimmer
**Tuesday, March 24:** Mary Corrello, Dallas Wood, Will Parker, Nicole Bullis, Henry Davis
**Wednesday, March 25:** Grant Pelham
**Thursday, March 26:** Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns, Lisa Weitz, Will Allen
**Friday, March 27:** Mary Michaels
**Saturday, March 28:** Jeanette Holloway, Michelle Hanway

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

**Peggy & Terry Steele**

In Honor of Peggy’s Birthday

**Art Holloway**

In Honor of Jeanette’s Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

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**A Prayer for Our Times**

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economy remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

May we who have family under one roof to share the days ahead remember those who are isolated and cannot have regular visitors.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen
Order for the Worship of God
March 22, 2020
4th Sunday in Lent/Gifts of Women Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Chorale and Prelude on SLANE” Charles Callahan

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Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #263
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
Heather Wood, Clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  Patty Martin
Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith
People: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.
Leader: We come seeking the awareness of God’s presence as we travel on.
People: Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.
Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Patty Martin
He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage. Time after time teaches us to trust him. God’s gracious favor answers our cry for help. God hears our complaining and provides for us in unexpected ways in the desert places of our lives. We are a people forgiven and blessed.

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 131  Cindy Huffman

CALL TO OFFERING
Cindy Huffman
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Rev. Loli Reiter
There are those who would be glad with the crumbs from your table, O God; we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy, as we give you our tithes and our offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, increase our faith and use us to fulfill your will. Amen.

HYMN
“She Comes to Jesus”
Stephanie Carson
She came to Jesus from outside the fold — Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see. God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.

SUNDAY MESSAGE
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HYMN
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
OLIVET
My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!
May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!
While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread
Be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrows tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Chris Curvin
God’s mercy comes to us in our disobedience. God’s gracious favor answers our cry for help. God hears our complaining and provides for us in unexpected ways in the desert places of our lives. We are a people forgiven and blessed.

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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.

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