

**March 11, 2018      4th Sunday In Lent      10AM**

**Please gather quietly respecting those who are using this time for prayer and quiet reflection.**

Gathering    Holy Holy/It is Well      arr. by Schram

Welcome and Announcements

Centering    Jesu, Jesu      The Palk Family Singers

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
why have you come to worship this morning?

**We come to celebrate the love of God  
in the form of Jesus Christ.**

This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles.

**We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus  
who offers love and acceptance,  
not judgment and rejection.**

If only we will trust,  
Jesus leads us in the way of light and love.

**We come to celebrate our God  
who loved and loves us so much!**

+ Hymn # 109 O, How I Love Jesus

+ Gathering Prayer

**We gather in this place, a people of God, a community of faith. We come to remember the promises of God and to lift one another up. When our hands are empty, when we have a hard time singing, the Spirit fills us with glad songs, fills us with Christ's light. Amen**

+Gloria Patri    #734

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Children's Message

Musical Reflection    Here's One      American  
spiritual/Hayes

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer      (debts / debtors)

+ Hymn #451 Be Still, My Soul

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1 -10, John 3: 14-21  
Response to the Word Sung Amen

Message      Just Look Up      Rev. Mike Gelsomini

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Musical      Offering      What      a      Saviour  
Bliss/Berry

+ Sung Response      (tune  
#34)

**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.**

+ Blessing of Our Gifts

**O Generous One, we give thanks to you  
for your steadfast love endures forever.  
May these gifts be used to feed the hunger and satisfy the  
thirst of all those you love throughout your creation. Amen.**

+ Hymn #498 Lead Me, Guide Me

+ Sending and Blessing

As you leave this place,  
remember you are God's community in the world:  
**for God's love endures forever!**

As you leave this place,  
remember you are alive with Christ:  
**for Christ's light shines  
in the deepest shadows!**

As you leave this place,  
remember the gifts God offers to you:  
**for the Spirit fills us with good works to do,  
and glad songs to sing to the world!**

+ # 614 Let There Be Peace on Earth

+ *Those who are able, please stand.*

#### Calendar and Announcements

##### March

Today – CE, Activity, Deacons Meeting 11:30AM

18<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting 11:30AM

21<sup>st</sup> – Community Meal 6PM

22<sup>nd</sup> – Jalapeno's Fund Raiser 4:30PM- 9PM 10% of all food sales go to the church.

29<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service 7PM

##### April

1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Morning Service 7AM, Easter Service 10AM

8<sup>th</sup> – CE Activity, Deacons Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> – Community Meal 6PM

15<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting 11:30AM

It time to order Easter Flowers - They will be \$12.00 each that includes a choice of Easter Lily, Tulips, Hyacinths, or Daffodils the final order needs to be in by March 19th.

Worship Resource: Thom M. Shuman Liturgies, UCC Worship Ways adapted by Rev. Mike

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**No Matter Who You Are,  
Or Where You Are on Life's Journey  
You are Welcome Here**