

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

1st Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

March 6, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Stuart Townsend
Elizabeth Botton, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

People: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

Liturgist: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

People: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

Liturgist: In this time of reflection and repentance,

People: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.

*HYMN *I Want a Principle Within* No. 410

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will and walk in Your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 6:8-15, 21-23*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the People of God.*

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM *My Savior and My God* Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE

Romans 12:1-2

"Getting in Shape"

Reverend Janet Sattel

*HYMN *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* No. 382

AN INVITATION TO LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* Johann Pachelbel

*Congregational Response: *Take My Life* Tune: HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew.

Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself for us. Grant that as we have joined with your people throughout the world, we may go into your world seeking justice and mercy for all. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 396

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As you go forth; think of what you want to do this Lent so that you might be more shaped like Jesus.

People: **Give up harsh words: use generous ones.**
Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.
Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.
Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.
Give up worrying: take up trust in God.
Give up complaining: value what I have.
Give up stress: take up prayer.
Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.
Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill my heart with joy.
Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.
Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.
Give up words: fill myself with silence and listen to others.
Amen and Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Something Beautiful

No. 394

***POSTLUDE**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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* - All Standing...A position of adoration and praise

+ - All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

*The altar flowers for today are presented by The Ken and Julie Funk family
to the memory of Nancy Funk.*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Rev. Lisa Flory



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



**A Jesus-Shaped Life: Made for This
"Getting in Shape"**

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1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

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Pastor Janet Sattel

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First, we need to recognize the sin in our lives. Because of the work of Jesus on the cross, we have been set free from sin and we no longer HAVE to sin. We have been forgiven.

Becoming like Christ requires a partner – the Holy Spirit is our partner. The Holy Spirit is the one who helps us identify the things that want to shape us – the things of this world – and tells us don’t be formed by this world – but by Christ.

Jesus offers us a life of wholeness – that is what comes from holiness. It is giving up the ways of this world to follow the ways of Christ.

It is becoming what God intended for us to be – a whole human being made in God’s very image.

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9:45 - Sunday School

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11:00—Confirmation Class [Forge]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

11:00 - COGS Kids [Hall]

3:30 - Good Friday Drama Rehearsal

6:00—Middle School Youth Night

MONDAY

10am—Staff Meeting

4-8—Private [sanctuary]

6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

7:00—Staff Parish Relations [Lounge]

TUESDAY

7:00—Disciple [Lounge]

7:00 - Finance Team [Hall]

WEDNESDAY

11:00 - Celebration of Life [see announcemts]

5:30-8:00 - High School Yth [Hall/Forge]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00—Traditional Choir [choir rm/sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30—Traditional Design Team

6:00 - CR step study [rm 21]

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