



Faith Global Methodist Church

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8:00 AM

Worship Leader – Mike Kochasic
Greeter- Mike & Gayle Kochasic
Acolyte-Gianna & Diana Canzano

10:15 AM

Worship Leader – Carrie Bortz
Greeter- Howard & Patty Thomas
Acolyte- Nick Popovich

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Rev. Nancy J., Adapted from Psalm 130)

Leader: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

People: We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Leader: Come together and wait for God.

People: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Leader: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

People: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord.

All: We celebrate the power of God that restores us!

*OPENING HYMN

I Know Whom I Have Believed

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 714

*(1) I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.*

***(Refrain) But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.***

*(2) I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.*

***(Refrain) But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.***

*(3) I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in him.*

(Refrain) *But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

*(4) I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.*

(Refrain) *But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

(Rev. Nancy J., Adapted from Psalm 130)

**Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life.
When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your Holy Spirit.
Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and
fill us with your spirit of life, compassion and peace. In the name of Jesus, your Son, we pray.
Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 5:5-10

(NRSV) Pg. 220

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (The Congregation will sing the Lord's Prayer)

*Our Father, which 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.*

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Clean Heart

Music by Benjamin Harlan

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

(Offering plates will NOT be passed)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for your kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within your loving purpose. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Be Still, My Soul

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 534

(1) Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

*Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.*

*Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*(2) Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.*

*Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.*

*Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*(3) Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.*

*Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 12:20-33

(NRSV) Pg. 106

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHORUS OF PRAISE

He is Exalted

(TFWS Hymnal) No. 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

*He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

(Repeat)

MESSAGE

Who Is Melchizedek?

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic

church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 70

*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.*

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Not Afraid

(See Slide) No. 8

(1) *You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.*

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

(2) *If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.*

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

(3) *Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of Me,
blessed, blessed are you!*

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

Ancient Gaelic Benediction

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind blow at your back,
May the sunshine warmly on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Amen.*

(Choir will sing through once. Second time, the congregation will sing with the choir)

Pastor: And All God's Children said,

All: Amen!

*POSTLUDE

Please stay in the pews until the Pastor and the Choir have exited.

****OUR MEMBER TO REMEMBER** today is Shirley Navaroli. Please take a few moments to sign the greeting card on the Action Table to wish her God's blessings. **

Prayer List – Faith UMC

(Any requests received after bulletin completion will still be passed on to the Prayer Chain; but will be listed in next week's bulletin.)

Prayer request to mention week of March 17th:

1. Gina Biltz having a hip replacement on April 2nd
2. Ron Spinelli- having a cardiac catheterization in 2 weeks
3. Kevin Thom- (Ken's son)- has been battling stage 4 cancer for approximately 2 years. Stopping treatment. Had a procedure to drain fluid.
4. Christian sympathies for the Bendick family on the passing of Maryalice.

Prayer request to mention week of March 10th:

1. Patricia Marra is back in the hospital with a brain infection and possible sepsis.
2. Jay Bortz- diagnosed with COPD and has oxygen right now, prayers that his lungs heal
2. Prayers for Matt Wilson who had surgery this week.
3. Christian sympathies to the Graham family- on the death of Jacob Graham
4. Deborah Robinson- prayers for peace and comfort
5. Linda L- had a stroke and was air lifted to Allegheny General
6. Harry Loughner- having issues with his right eye, more testing and bloodwork to come
7. Christian sympathies to the Dias family on the passing of Angel Dias
8. Joan Nellis- prayers for upcoming procedure

Continued prayers for:

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Michael Scoletti, Bill & Mary Weyel, Jane Rivers, Carolyn Carroll, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Shirley Fabrizi, Stephanie Taczak, Fred Roach, Bob & Mary Zacharias, Straw Soffronoff, Beth Tyson, Pam Scalf, Dave Morris, Marge Kratofil, Jack & Emogene Blair, Sue Harmuth, Martha, Karen, Dan Loughry, Jean Loughry, John Womer, Linda, Barb Kaufman, Gloria, Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield , Louise Gladkowski

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM

Sunday March 17th	8:00 AM	5 th Sunday of Lent- Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	10:15 AM	5 th Sunday of Lent- Worship Service
Monday March 18th	6:00 PM	Bible Study
Tuesday March 19th	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting
Wednesday March 20th	7:00 PM	Choir

Thursday March 21st	6:00-7:00PM	Walking group
Friday March 22nd	7:00 PM	GriefShare
Saturday March 23rd		
Sunday March 24th	8:00 AM	6 th Sunday of Lent- Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	10:15 AM	6 th Sunday of Lent- Worship Service
	5:00 PM	Messiah in the Passover Program

FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 3.17.24

We are only 8 orders away from having enough orders for our 200 new hymnal order! Please order soon if you would like to purchase a new hymnal in memory or in honor of someone.

Sign up for our Messiah in the Passover program Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 5:00PM. Sign up sheet on action table. Pastor Jeff Kipp will present a 60-90minute program designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of the Jewish Passover and of the Communion table. Using the traditional elements of a Jewish Passover Seder, Pastor Kipp will explain their history, what each element represents, and how the Passover is fulfilled through Jesus' death at Calvary. Please note: this is not a meal, but an explanation of the Seder meal with the elements display on each plate for consumption.

Grief Support Group to meet Thursday evenings

Grief Share is a weekly seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow participants to talk about the content of the seminar and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one.

Our spring session will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Each week is independent of the others so no worries if you miss one. These meetings are held in the conference room here at Faith Church

Please feel free to contact Sue Sonafelt 724-875-8439 if you have any questions or would like more information on Grief Share.

2024 DELMONT COMMUNITY MINISTERIAL LENTEN LUNCHEONS ... During February and March, a Lenten lunch will be followed by a devotion given by a leader from a Delmont community church. The Lenten luncheons will all be held at St. John Baptist de La Salle Church from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Devotions will follow from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21 Pastor Tony Catullo

Free Will offering supports Delmont's Meals on Wheels. Mark your calendar to enjoy the lunch, fellowship, and special messages of this Lenten season.



Join our walking group from 6-7pm in the fellowship hall every Thursday. Alyce Urban will lead the class using Leslie Sansone's YouTube exercise videos. Video sessions will be projected on the large screen in fellowship hall for all to follow as we walk and move to the lively music and instruction. Each 15-minute session can result in almost 2000 steps or close to one mile.

Receive the Faith Flyer newsletter in your mail: If you are new to our church and would like to receive the monthly Faith Flyer newsletter, please reach out to the office so we can get your address in our system.

Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 AM in the room off the gathering area. If you feel called to intercessory prayer, or if you need prayer, please come. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at 412-334-0920 or carriebortz@yahoo.com. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this God's will for you in Jesus Christ. 1Thes.5:16-1



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Faith Church's Grab and Go Food Distribution on Monday, May 20th. Volunteers are needed direct traffic, hand out boxes of food and monitor the church building. This is a drive-thru event held in our church parking lot. The clients remain in their vehicles as volunteer workers place boxes/items of food into their vehicles. As I will need to notify the Food Bank if they need to provide additional volunteers, please sign-up if you are planning on helping.

Meals on Wheels Desserts in April....Consider signing up to provide desserts in April for Delmont's Meals on Wheels. A sign-up sheet is available on the Action Table. Desserts should be delivered to Salem Lutheran Church at 301 E. Pittsburgh Street in Delmont by 8:30 am on the morning that you have chosen to provide a dessert.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES...are now available in the small in the gathering area. Take as many shoeboxes as you plan on filling. Each shoebox gift provides an opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to a child. To help you started supplies remaining from our parking party in October (crayons, chalk, paper, etc.) are available in this room. Return your filled shoeboxes anytime during the year.



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Laundry detergent donations needed for our neighbors. Imagine having to decide between providing food, paying the rent/mortgage, keeping the utilities on, or having clean clothes. Having clean clothes moves down on the list. If we can donate 204 containers of laundry detergent (liquid, pods, or powder), every family will not have to make that decision. During January, February and March we will be collecting laundry detergent for Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry. We have reached our 204 containers of laundry detergent!! We will still collect and any additional will

help families!

OFFER THE GIFT OF SIGHT: A Lions International collection box is in the Gathering Area for your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses.



Fellowship and service continues. Join us at 9 am in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship.

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body on earth but yours.” -Teresa of Avila

In-person attendance week ending 03/10/2024 = 138

Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 03/10/2024

OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!

2024 Annual Operating Budget: \$348,767.79

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,707.07	NEED TO DATE	\$ 67,070.70
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RECEIVED 03/10/2024	\$ 7,573.93	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 74,447.93
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(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + \$7,377.23

CAMPERSHIP GOAL 6/1/2023-5/31/2024:			\$ 10,000.00
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RECEIVED	\$ 846.73	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 9,070.03
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DISAFFILIATION ACCOUNTING:

RECEIVED 03/10/2024	\$315.00	CURRENT LOAN AMOUNT:	\$90,615.86
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