

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ever-present God, who by the power of the Holy Spirit transforms us individually and as a church to be Your dwelling place, confront us here in the midst of our doubts, grant us Your peace, while we face our fears, and increase our trust that we may embrace life in all its fullness. Speak to us now the word that we need, empower us to be a unifying presence in our broken world. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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| <p>1) Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.</p> | <p>3) Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine.</p> |
| <p>2) Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee, I will one will,
To do and to endure.</p> | <p>4) Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.</p> |

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

Life with eternity in it is God's present gift to us. We have heard it, but we are slow to believe. We have received it, but we are slow to trust. It is ours to enjoy, but we have not lived it. Let us discuss the matter with our Creator through our prayer of confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen

Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. Sin is separation from You, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep You out of our lives. Forgive us as we pray these silent prayers of confession. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus is our advocate with God, the expiation for our sins and those of the whole world. In Christ, God welcomes us to eternal life in which we are partners with God. All who have been cleansed by the blood of Christ are invited to walk in the light as God is light.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: I John 1:1–2:2, John 20:19–31

1 JOHN 1:1–2:2

The Incarnation of the Word of Life

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us

from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

²¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

JOHN 20:19–31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON: "Scars"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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

BENEDICTION:

Peace be with you, as Christ sends you into the world as God's messengers.

CLOSING HYMN: "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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| 1) Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his people forth
Into joy from sadness,
Now rejoice Jerusalem,
And with true affection,
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection. | 2) 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark is flying,
From His light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying. |
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The Altar Flowers today are Sponsored to the Glory of God and in Honor of Hattie Zumbum for Her 16th Birthday April 11th with Love, Grandma Sue and Pappaw Dale. Happy 16th Birthday, Hattie!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, April 11, 2021

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL! We have joined with St. Jacob's Stone UCC to offer Sunday School via Zoom each Sunday at 1:00 PM. There will be a story lesson, a craft and song time every week. For more information, see Miss Dee at worship or have an adult privately message her via Facebook, message Pastor Sager or email the Church office (office@stdavidsucc.com). To join in on Sunday School, right click on the following link (or enter *Zoom.com* in your browser), Click "join a meeting" and then enter the Meeting ID and password as printed here: [ZOOM LINK TO JOIN CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL](#)

Meeting ID: 717 212 9122

Password: 547270

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM: Currently, our 8:30 AM Worship service is being livestreamed to our YouTube channel. The following link will take you to our church's YouTube channel where you can subscribe to our channel if you wish to do so. By subscribing, you will receive a notification whenever we go live, eliminating the need for you to search for us on YouTube. If you are unable to watch the livestream in real time, you will still be able to watch the recorded video at your convenience. [LINK to St. David's YouTube Channel](#)

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM at the church.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We will be studying the Book of Revelation. All sessions are in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

CONSISTORY MEETING: Monday, April 12, 7:00 PM at the Church.

MISSION COMMITTEE APRIL FUNDRAISER: The Mission Committee will be accepting donations for Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) throughout the month of April. O.U.R. has made a significant impact in the fight to end sex trafficking and sexual exploitation by rescuing and supporting thousands of survivors in 28 countries and 26 U.S. states. To learn more visit the O.U.R. website

at: [Operation Underground Railroad \(ourrescue.org\)](http://ourrescue.org) Use the following link if you'd like to make an online donation: [St. David's UCC Fundraiser \(ourrescue.org\)](http://ourrescue.org)

MENS GROUP: Monday, April 19 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676).

FIRESIDE FRIENDS: Bonfire on Friday, April 23 at 7:30 PM at the home of Melissa and Tammy.

MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET: Volunteers are needed to help clean the medical equipment that is returned or donated to us. We also need a helper or 2 with a trailer to load up excess items in the church basement and transport them to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Pastor Scott. Thank you.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. We will not be rehearsing any anthems at this time, but instead will be singing and recording the hymn selections for upcoming worship services. Anyone who would like to help record the hymns is welcome at these rehearsals. Masks and social distancing, please.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com or pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

WORSHIP SERVICES: Indoor Worship, Sundays at 8:30 AM masks and social distancing. If you are not comfortable in larger gatherings, you may still attend the 8:30 AM Worship service and remain in your car and listen to the service on FM 95.9 on your car radio.

Parking Lot Worship, Sundays at 10:30 AM.

Uber Conference will continue, as well, for both services. Updated guidelines for returning to worship are in your March Newsletter. They are also available on the Home page of the Church website: www.stdavidsucc.com

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: The bin in our parking lot has been removed. Please take your items to the donation site on Baltimore St. When donating at the store, remember to mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number**,

#20003, so that we will receive credit for your donations. Drive-up hours are Monday–Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: April 24

CLOTHING BANK DATE: April 17

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL

Single-serve Fruits
Instant White Rice
Scallop Potatoes

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant
Body Wash
Razors
Paper Towels
Clorox Wipes
Gallon-size Ziploc Bags

Clothing Bank

Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Bath Towels
Men’s (L & XL) White T-shirts

Ruth’s Harvest

Single-serve Entrees, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Vegetables)

STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a grant for \$1000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of ministry, mission or humanitarian service. Interested applicants must be residents of the greater Hanover area and should be a high school senior, college student or a seminary student. He or she may complete an application and submit a brief summary of their call into the field of service and list their future vocational goals. They should be an active member of a church, display good moral character and exhibit high scholastic ability. Applications forms are available from our church office or from the Hanover Area Council of Churches. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2021. For additional information please call the Council office at 717-633-6353.

NEW HOPE NEEDS: Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Personal Care Items. For more info: www.nhm-pa.org