

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Everlasting God, whose law is perfect and whose judgements are just, speak and act among us today to challenge all we do in Your church and in our lives that is out of step with Your law so we may be raised to new life and become authentic witnesses to Your love in all we do, wherever we go, that the world might come to know and serve You. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "Rock of Ages"

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| <p>1) Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.</p> | <p>3) Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.</p> |
| <p>2) Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.</p> | <p>4) While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.</p> |

CHILDRENS MESSAGE, Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

With trembling hearts, knowing that we seldom discern our own errors, we turn ourselves toward the Eternal One. Come to the One who takes no delight in burnt offerings but accepts the sincere prayers of the penitent. Let us repent and believe.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have come to Your temple, loving God, because this is Your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to You as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny Your love, which is at the heart of Your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of Your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Hear our personal confession. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When in awe before God, we truly seek forgiveness; the Almighty becomes for us a guiding presence. We are healed, strengthened, and set free from our slavery to sin. All praise to the Almighty!

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 19, Exodus 20:1–17

PSALM 19

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

EXODUS 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

¹ And God spoke all these words:

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

SERMON: "Responsible Living"

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: You have been embraced by God's power and love. Go forth in the joy of serving God and keeping God's commandments.

CLOSING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 1) God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour Thy pow'r.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2) Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days.

3) Cure Thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4) Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be.
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, March 7, 2021

SEND A CARD: In our March Digest (Church Newsletter), Gerald Raubenstine was the focus of our "Member Spotlight." Gerald faithfully attended Worship and Sunday School when he was able. Gerald will celebrate his birthday on March 26. Drop him a note or card for his birthday to let him know that we haven't forgotten him; that we remember him and Doggone it, we miss him! (*Gerald Raubenstine, Sharon's Personal Care Home, 1441 Baltimore Street, Hanover, PA 17331.*)

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School wing.

MEN'S GROUP: The next meeting will be March 29 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). You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We are studying the Minor Prophets. All sessions will be 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.

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICES: We will be joining with Bethel UCC, Stone Church and St. Bartholomews for Lenten worship services. All services will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. You can join in on the services at Bethel, Stone Church and St. Bartholomew's through *Uber Conference* or via *Zoom Conference*. The service here at St. David's will be held in the parking lot and available from home through Uber Conference. The theme for these services is "In This Together" (How congregations are dealing with the Covid pandemic). We encourage you to join in on all of the Lenten services.

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 7: Pastor Zoë D'heedene (Bethel UCC), "Prayer."

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 14: Pastor Scott Sager (St. David's), "Hospitality."

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 21: Pastor Steven Thomas (St. Bartholomews), "Meditation that Connects us with God."

CONNECTING TO UBER or ZOOM FOR THE WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES:

1. Telephone into a Zoom Event: If you have unlimited long distance, you might have a better experience if you telephoned Zoom. In order to do that, call the following number: 1-646-558-8656. You will be prompted for the Meeting ID Number. Type in: 717 212 9122, then press the "#" key. If you are asked for the participant ID, just press the "#" key. When you are asked for the password, dial 547270, and then press the "#" key.

2. Connecting to the Zoom Worship Service via the Internet: Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7172129122?pwd=dGVaV1RZeU9FSmdtWWhVRFBUY052QT09>

Meeting ID: 717 212 9122; Password: 547270

(Rather than use the link above you can also just go on the Zoom website (Zoom.com). Click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the Meeting ID number (717 212 9122) and the Password (547270).)

3. Uberconference Call for People Without Internet Access: The phone number to listen to the Lenten services on your phone is: 717-297-0608. You do not need to enter any other numbers. (If you do not have unlimited long distance, we can

enter your phone number into the system and the system will call you without charge. Please Pastor Scott (717-880-6082) if you would like the system to call you.

PEANUT BUTTER BALLS: \$4.00 per Dozen. Milk Chocolate or Dark Chocolate. Orders are Due No Later Than March 21. Payment is Due at Pick-up. Pick-up is March 28 at Either of the Worship Services. Quantities are Limited (120 Dozen). Click on the link for order form: [PEANUT BUTTER BALL ORDER FORM](#)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (UCC Offering): March 14. "More than We Can Imagine!" Our imagination can be grounded in what God envisions for us all. Imagine that we can help make this world the way God imagined it should be! To participate you may donate cash or write a check to St. David's UCC with "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line. Thank you for your caring.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY: Flowers to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter, April 4 and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection may now be ordered. Orders are due by Sunday, March 28 (No late orders, please). The cost is \$11/each. Flower choices are White Lilies, Tulips and Hyacinths. There will be no color preference, because the greenhouses are unable to guarantee color selection because of the high volume of sales during Easter. We will ask for a variety of colors for Tulips and Hyacinths. The Lilies will be white. They will all be beautiful. Please use one (1) order form per flower order. Download form here: [EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM](#)
Order forms, along with your payment, may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pam Hartman before or after worship.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Thursday, March 28 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 will be mandatory at these rehearsals.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 1 followed by Drive-thru Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY: Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Friday, April 2.

EASTER DAWN: Sunday, April 4. Bring your breakfast of choice with you and worship as the sun comes up on a glorious Easter dawn. Worship service, 7:00 AM in the parking lot.

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.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: March 27

CLOTHING BANK DATE: No March Date

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL

Single-serve Fruits
Individual Size Chips,
Pretzels, etc.
Laundry Detergent
Instant White Rice
Scallop Potatoes

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant (Men &
Women)
Exam Gloves (Med & Lg)
Hand Sanitizer
Bottled Water
Shampoo/Conditioner

Clothing Bank

Family-Size Toiletries
Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Bath Towels
Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts
Baby Diapers (Sizes 4 & 5)

Ruth's Harvest

Single-serve Entrees (Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snacks or Veggies)

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid is currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books* and *jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday–Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

HANOVER NEW HOPE NEEDS: **Pantry Helpers** needed to help stock shelves, assist guests as needed, help with curb-side delivery. Afternoons needed on all days Monday–Friday, 12:00 PM–4:30 PM.

Parking Helpers—willing to move around frequently and do not mind inclement weather. Help needed on Monday and Wednesday. If interested, please call Andrew at (717) 698-3365, press x509.

Pantry Desk Help—signing guests up for food appointments, answer phones, multi-task, schedule appointments.

Administrative—scheduling on the calendar, paperwork for guests, opening/closing the lobby, greeting guests, light filing, informing others about our

resources and area referrals. If interested, please call the front desk at (717) 698-3365, press x501.

Front Desk Receptionist

Help needed with restocking the pantry and marketplace. Need 2 people per shift Monday–Friday.

Help with curbside service: 2–3 volunteers needed to prepare food orders for curbside guests and taking those orders out to guests and volunteers that could keep the marketplace stocked.

STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a grant for \$1000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of ministry, missions 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.

CHURCH REOPENING: Indoor Worship services will resume on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 8:30 AM with 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. There will also be a parking lot Worship service each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Uber Conference will continue, as well. 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