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**Sunday, March 12, 2017: Second Sunday in Lent**



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

## PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MISSION OFFERING:

\*INVOCATION IN SONG      “Shine On Us”      Blue Song Book p. 6

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

[during the winter months, many people become concerned about the spread of germs that cause cold and flu symptoms; we invite you to participate in the tradition of passing the peace in ways that you are comfortable with while honoring the preferences of others—whether that means shaking hands or simply offering a verbal “peace to you”]

ANTHEM      “The Old Rugged Cross”      Arr Drennan  
*[at this time children who are interested in attending Sunday School may go to the classroom downstairs]*

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Enlightening Spirit, when we get discouraged in seeking your Truth  
in the midst of bewilderment,

**All: Have mercy, and clear our eyes**

One: Challenging Spirit, when witnessing to your Truth seems to take more  
courage than we have,

**All: Have mercy, and strengthen our determination**

One: Surprising Spirit, when we settle for half-truths in building your Beloved  
Community,

**All: Have mercy, and show us a better way.**

One: Hear our silent prayers of confession.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVING PARDON

One: We know the love of God knows no bounds, the Holy One who sent Jesus, the Only Begotten, to be our Way, our Truth and our Light.

Let us feel ourselves forgiven, and go forth with courage renewed.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Change My Heart, O God" Blue Song Book p. 2  
(remain seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Mark Cote (Lay Reader)

God of compassion, you bring to birth a pilgrim people, and call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark Cote (lay reader)

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE Pastor Don

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO OFFERING: Mark Cote (Lay Reader)

One: Let us give generously of our time, talent, treasure to further the work of God in our community.

OFFERTORY

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross” New Century Hymnal #197**

**\*BENEDICTION**

God's love calls us into community to bless us.  
God's love sends us out into the wider community to be a blessing!  
Let us go forth from here in peace,  
Bringing the blessing of  
    God our Creator,  
    Jesus Christ, our Wounded Healer,  
    and Uncontainable Holy Spirit.  
**Amen!**

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION (inside back cover of New Century Hymnal)**

**\*GO TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*indicates an invitation to stand either in body or in spirit

If you use social media we invite and encourage you to check in online as you attend today's service. Portions of this week's service were excerpted and adapted from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress, and from *Sent Out, Drawn Close: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Lent* by the Rev. Susan A. Blain

## WELCOME TO TRINITY!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here - to explore your faith, to meet new people, and to strengthen your personal relationship with God. If you are a guest here today, please sign our guest book. If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pews and put it in the offering plate.

**Sunday Bulletins** - Trinity offers a Children's Bulletin and a Large Print Bulletin along with the Regular Sunday Bulletin. We also have adjustable audio devices for better hearing. Each can be found in the narthex.

**Bible Discussion Schedule** – Today from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

**Time for Easter Flowers** - Easter Flower orders must be placed by Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Payment is due at the time of order. Please contact Marilyn Shertzer with questions or concerns at 717-492-8186.

**Guest Speaker** - The fundraising team is excited to announce that Jennie from The Stroopies Company will be here on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. She will give a very short presentation about the company and their product during the morning announcements.

The Stroopie Co. exists to support refugees who are starting over in Lancaster by providing meaningful employment and making high quality cookies to sell in Lancaster and all over the US.

**Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale** – We are raising funds for Trinity. The Spring Brochure Program is a simple, delicious and profitable way to raise money. The Spring Brochure Program offers over 80 delicious chocolate treats that make terrific gift and basket fillers. Sales will be till March. Brochures for ordering are in the narthex. For questions see Mary Ibach.

## Mark your calendar for Lent/Easter 2017 schedule for HOLY WEEK

(Some times TBD)

- **Wednesday April 12, 6:30 pm** Labyrinth Walk at First Presbyterian Church, E. Orange Street Lancaster
- **Thursday, April 13:** Maundy Thursday pot luck and communion in fellowship hall
- **Friday, April 14:** Good Friday Service
- **Easter Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise Service at 6:00 am at Grubb Lake in Mountville; and regular worship service Trinity UCC with communion at 10:30am.



Today is Sunday, March 12, 2017  
10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship – Kenya Offering  
12:00 pm Welcome Table  
1:00 pm Bible Discussion

Monday, March 13  
8:00 pm AA

Tuesday, March 14  
8:30 am Lancaster Ministerium  
@ Faith UCC  
6:30 pm Lions Club  
8:00 pm AA

Wednesday, March 15  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 16  
No Activities Scheduled  
Eileen Littell – TRUCC Admin Day Off

Friday, March 17  
No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, March 18  
No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, March 19  
10:00 am Trinity Café  
10:30 am Worship – Helping Hands  
Offering  
1:00 pm Bible Discussion  
3:30 pm LIG Meeting

**Sunday mornings couldn't happen without the many disciples here at TRUCC. Volunteers are appreciated and needed. If you're interested in serving please see the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.**

### **March 19th Volunteers**

Trinity Café:

Greeters: Adella Houck &  
Wendy McKelvy

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Lay Reader: Tom Duke

Children's Christian Education:  
Kathy Jones, Sharon Knerr &  
Wendy Mckelvy

Counter:

Altar Flowers: Mary Ann Price

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## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: Don Fenestre-Marek

Lay Reader: Mark Cote

## **Ministry of Music**

Music Director, Chancel Choir Shannon Edwards

Bell Choir Director: Daniel Molkenthin

## **Sound Technician**

Mark Cote and Charlie Miller

## **Ministry of Service**

Trinity Café:

Head Usher: Esther Markey

Greeters: Adella Houck & Wendy McKelvy

Counter:

## **Children's Christian Education**

Christine Macready, Esther Markey & Jenny Hooper

## **Floral Arrangement**

Alice Heitmueller in honor of Family Birthdays and Her own

## **March Greeting Cards**

Mary Ann Price

*Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ exists to render loving service toward humanity with Jesus as our example. We preach love, teach compassion and social justice, and welcome all into the full life and ministry of the church.*