



**embolden us,  
and free us from fear,  
that we might be beacons of your light.**

(Time of silent reflection)

...for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Hymnal, No. 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Michael Yeager

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

ANTHEM

Rise and Shine!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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MESSAGE

Transforming Vision

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Hymnal, No. 11

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In Jesus of Nazareth,  
true humanity was realized once for all.  
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,  
lived among his own people  
and shared their needs, temptations,  
joys, and sorrows.  
He expressed the love of God  
in word and deed  
and became a brother  
to all kinds of sinful men and women.  
But his complete obedience  
led him into conflict with his people.  
His life and teaching judged their goodness,  
religious aspirations, and national hopes.  
Many rejected him and demanded his death.  
In giving himself freely for them,  
he took upon himself the judgment  
under which everyone stands convicted.  
God raised him from the dead,  
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.  
The victim of sin became victor,  
and won the victory  
over sin and death for all.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Psalm 24

Emma Lou Diemer

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

\*DEDICATION PRAYER

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

To God Be the Glory

Hymnal, No. 634

\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION                      Praise the Lord!

\*POSTLUDE                      The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing                      Aaron David Miller

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for March 1: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for February is **easy open food items**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Ushers** for today's service are **Carl & Julie Forthman**.

**Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.** All are welcome to attend this brief yet meaningful service marking the beginning of the Lent season.

No garage sales, no raffles, no magazines to buy! Let's make this easy! You are invited to participate in our **Envelope Fundraiser for our Camp and Conference Fund**. Simply pick one or more envelopes off the bulletin board in the hall. The number of the envelope is the suggested donation. Fill the envelope (cash or check) , and place in the offering plate or bring to the office. Thank you!

**SUNDAY**

**February 23**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY**

**February 26**

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Ash Wednesday Service
- 8:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

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## KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
Sandy Clarke  
Jan Cunningham  
Laura Eckel  
Doug Forsyth  
Blair Lanning  
Judd Lanning  
Jayelle Martin  
Emily Ryther  
Gary Thraikill  
Jona Thiessen  
Janann Yeager  
Melinda Clements  
Pam Normile  
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)  
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)  
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)  
Jim Leseney (Vince Leseney's father)

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Samuel McCann whose grandmother died December 11.

### Joys

Julian Warren Beck, born December 26, son of Jenny and Warren Beck, proud grandparents are Susan and John Beck

### Seminary Graduate

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

### Birthdays

February 24 – Georjana Mauldin

February 25 – Kyra Nahbum

February 26 – Larry Upton

Will Farris

February 27 – Jim Rodriguez

February 29 – Jody Yeager

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week:

### Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

#### Give thanks for:

- the important roles political leaders here have played in European integration.
- how people here have led in creative solutions to environmental, economic, and cultural challenges.
- how churches here have overcome barriers and reached out to assure a good life for all.
- the ecumenical contributions that have come from this area, and their continuing support.

#### Pray for:

- overcoming cultural, linguistic and political barriers and suspicions that remain divisive.
- the haunting legacies of colonization and quests for economic gain.
- immigrants who are alienated or marginalized in these societies.
- greater tolerance and solidarity with all in these societies and around the world.