Service of Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent		*HYMN # 340	Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
March 6, 2016	10:30 AM	*OPENING PRA	YER (let us pray together)

Welcome to this service of Worship and Holy Communion. The Lord's Table is open to all who come seeking the presence and peace of Christ. The cup contains unfermented juice, and we serve gluten-free bread.

*those who are able, please stand.

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Soul Adorn Thyself

Brahms

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whoever we are, God say,

All: you are welcome here!

One: Wherever we have been, God say,

All: you are welcome here!

One: Whatever you have done, God say,

All: you are welcome here!

One: In the midst of temptation, anxiety, or confusion, God say,

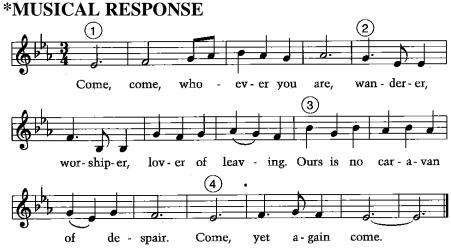
All: you are welcome here!

One: Whether we feel we deserve it or not, God say,

All: you are welcome here!

One: Come, let us worship God.

God of outstretched arms, you welcome us to this place. You invite us to experience forgiveness, community, welcome and an overwhelming sense of the love that you pour out upon all your children. May we feel that love in this time of worship, may we share it with one another, and may we leave this place committed to sharing your love in our world. Amen.



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LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

The Psalter	Psalm 32	Hymnal pg. 739
The Gospel	Luke 15:1-3	, 11b-32 NT pg. 78

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

*HYMN (see music page)Come, Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy

SERMON

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing Anne Wingard, deacon

OFFERING

Invitation

Choral Anthem (see music page)

How Beautiful

*Doxology (page 48 in hymnal) tune: TALLIS' CANON Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (*let us pray together* ...) Generous God, we have received from you more than our share of blessings. We thank you. Now increase and multiply our gifts that others may feast of your goodness through our witness. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat and return to your seat. The elements can be brought to you if you wish. All are welcome!)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Let us pray together.*) God, you are making us into one body of Christ, nourished at your table with this bread and cup. Thanks you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Send us into the world to show mercy, and to be part of your healing presence. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN (see music page) There Is Now a New Creation

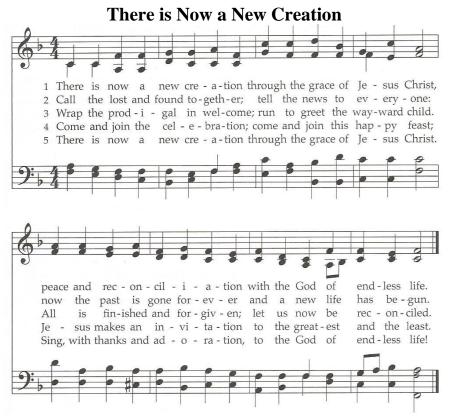
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POSTLUDE

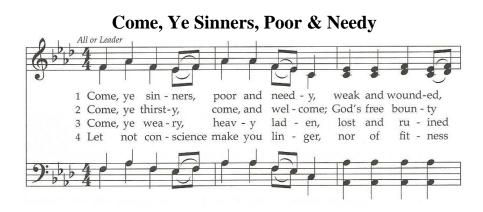
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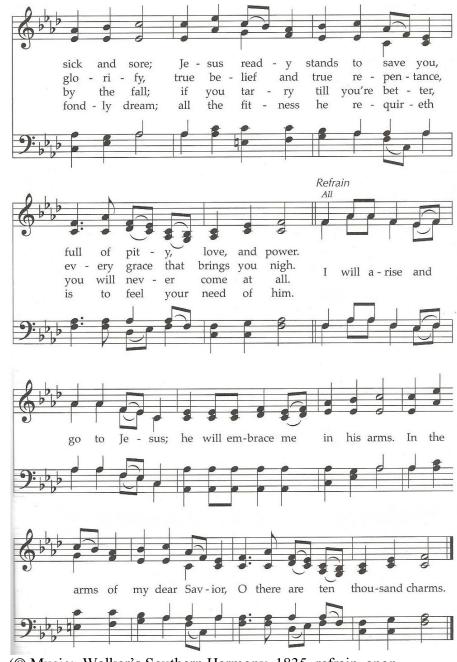
Mendelssohn

INVITATION



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HOW BEAUTIFUL

(Incorporating	When	I	Survey	the	W	ondrous Cross	5)
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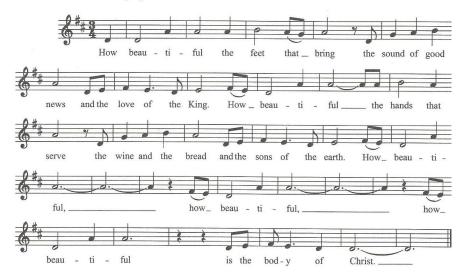
for congregation

Arranged by	Words and Music by
BENJAMIN I	TWILA PARIS (ASCAP)
Verse 1: (Choir only)	How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
Verse 2:	How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
(Choir only)	How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.

	How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
Verse 3:	*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.

(Choir only) Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4: Choir and Congregation



*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; music by Lowell Mason (1792-1872); words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

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NOTES AND NOTICES

Prayers gathered. During Lent, the youth group will have colored strips of paper in the pews for the congregation to write prayers on. On Maundy Thursday, during their sleepover, they will read the prayers and make it into a prayer chain to hang in the sanctuary on Easter morning.

Next Sunday, March 13, remember to set your clocks forward one hour to be able to join us for worship. During our service we will have the dedication of church officers and the opportunity to give input into the creation of a "New Way Forward."

In addition to our gathering on Sunday mornings during Lent a brief worship service with Holy Communion will take place in the sanctuary each **Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 6:45**. All are invited to use this time as a time of focus during our Lenten journey.

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6:00 PM



This year our Maundy Thursday service will be an inter-generation Passover Seder in Russell Fellowship Hall with communion, concluding with prayer in the sanctuary. The various aspects of this meal will communicate biblical stories and biblical truths using all five senses of the participants. We won't just hear the Word spoken, we will see,

smell, taste and feel the Word. We won't just inform our children, we will involve our children. This is a dinner and a story, a story about God's redemptive plan of love being carried out in history. If you would like to bring a part of the meal please contact Bonnie Haaland.

Save the Date! On **Saturday, April 23**, HCC will host the workshop *A Sacred Conversation on Race* in conjunction with the Susquehanna Association Spring meeting.

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters Shirley Osterhoudt, Anne Wingard, Bev Berry, Carol Costell Corbin

> *Worship Leaders* Bonnie Haaland the Bertram Family

> Acolyte Caoimhe Dudgeon, Sophia Wright

> > Flowers

Nursery Volunteers Lori Schmidt, Abby Elkins

Coffee Hour Gwen Hayne & Nita Baldwin

> *Attendance* February 28 - 60

Our giving 2/21/16: Operations - \$5,208 Missions - \$1,849

Our giving 2/28/16: Operations - \$1,558.50 Missions - \$627

Life in the Parish Week of March 6

TODAY – March 6 9:15 am – Deacon training, 10:30 am – Worship service 11:45 am – Christian Education Ministry Committee meets

MONDAY – March 7 7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – March 8 Office open 10:00 am until Noon 2:00 pm – Senior Fellowship Club meets 6:30 pm – Deacons meeting 7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – March 9 5:30 pm – Worship & Music Committee meets 6:15 pm – Lenten worship with Communion 7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – March 10 12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

SATURDAY – March 12 8:30 am-4:00 pm – Stephen Ministry meets

SUNDAY – March 13 9:15 am – Sunday School classes, The Well 10:30 am – Worship service 3:00 pm – Spud Fest

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The United Church of Christ is one of nine denominations that support **One Great Hour of Sharing** in cooperation with Church World Service and is one of the five special offerings in which we participate each year. It is a part of our global outreach. Money from this offering is used for work with international partners to provide clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro credit, emergency relief and advocacy/resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. It also supports domestic and international disaster preparedness and response. We receive the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering throughout the month of March. We hope that you will prayerfully consider a generous contribution. For more information see www.ucc.org/OGHS.

The Senior Fellowship Club meets **Tuesday, March 8**, at **2:00 pm**. Our guest will be Mr. William Locke, who will present a cabaret type St. Patrick's Day musical program.

Join us for **Spud Fest** on **Sunday, March 13** at **3:00 pm**. We'll put baked potatoes in the oven and then play board games and have our "spud-sculpturing" contest until the spuds are done. And yes, there WILL be Mr. Potato Heads available. We're providing butter and sour cream. You bring some other good toppings for the baked potatoes.

Join our two Dream Team (brainstorming) gatherings.

Saturday morning, March 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am. Session focus:

- We are seeking to be a community <u>caring for each other</u>. (Belinda Burtner, convener)
- We are seeking to be a community growing in our faith. (Gary Harrington, convener)

Sunday, March 20, 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Session focus:

- We are seeking to be a community <u>participating in outreach</u>. (Bonnie Smith, convener)
- We are seeking to be a community <u>maximizing our resources</u>. (Jim McKenna, convener)

Being guided by the findings of the Transition Team Report, we will develop specific and realistic goals for the accomplishment of the above four pursuits. All are welcome.