	Service of Worship	
	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
March 13, 2016		10:30 AM

John Piper, A Hunger For God, 20th century "If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

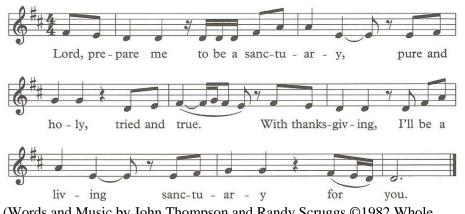
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* Bingham

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary



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OPENING PRAYER (let us pray together)

O God, you are the giver of wonderful things. You gave us life. You filled our lives with family and friends. You lavish us with your grace. You have given us this day to add to the many we have shared. And you have given us Jesus. Help us grow in our understanding and appreciation of just how much you love us, and open our hearts that our worship this day might be an act of praise and thanksgiving for all you have done for us. Amen.

*HYMN # 518 This is a Day of New Beginnings

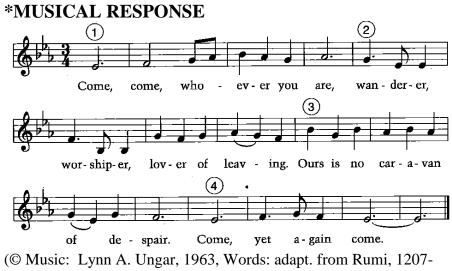
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*let us pray together* . . .) We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Amen.

[pause for silence]

***WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE**

One: Thank you, God, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness, for empowering our work and inviting us once again to work with you for the well-being of all your creation.

All: Amen



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LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 3:4b-14 NT page198

GOSPEL John 12:1-8 NT page 106

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rachel Ditch, seminarian (*Children through second grade may go to the nursery.*)

***HYMN** (see musical page)

Guide My Feet

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MINISTRY

(see page 451 of hymnal)

SERMON

The congregation is invited to rotate throughout the four "dreaming" stations and provide input for our moving forward in our ministry and mission. *Philippians 3:13-14* - ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly^[i] call of God in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 43:19 - ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We are seeking to be a community . . .

- ► *caring for each other*. (Belinda Burtner)
- ► growing in our faith. (Gary Harrington)
- ► *participating in outreach*. (Bonnie Smith)
- ► maximizing our resources. (Jim McKenna)

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share a sign of peace with others.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Musical Introduction (Hymnal page 305) Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING Invitation

Offertory

y Saxophone solo Tobin's Favourite / The Cliffs of Moher

*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 . . .) Loving God, your gifts to us are beyond measure. You have given us gifts of life more than we can imagine, and we owe you more than we can ever repay. Yet we offer what we can, as a joyous offering of thanks. Accept these offerings from our hearts, we pray. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN # 195** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in F Major* Thiman

***HYMN** Guide My Feet



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Officers, Boards, Committees

(*) indicates second term

Officers

Moderator:	Barbara Wright (2019)
Church Clerk:	Jan Jeffers (2019)
Financial Secretary:	Beverly Berry (2019)
Treasurer (First Religious Society):	Andrea Herzog
Treasurer (Homer Cong Church):	Andrea Herzog
Historian:	vacant
Auditor:	Nancy Richards (2017)
Stewardship Chair:	Cindy Stout (2019)
Endowment Fund Auditor:	Andrea Herzog (2017)

Board of Trustees

Term ending 2019	Term ending 2018	Term ending 2017
Paula Harrington	Eugene Wright (*)	Andrea Herzog
Charles Feiszli	James McKenna	Kevin Cappy
Vacant	vacant	Becky Jones (*)

Board of Deacons

Term ending 2019	Term ending 2018	Term ending 2017
Kathleen McKenna (*	*)Gary Harrington	Karen Dudgeon (*)
Anne Wingard	Bonnie Haaland	Joanne Cincotta
Doris Hoffman	Vicki Johnson (*)	Bill Masterson
Darci Gumaer (*)	Belinda Burtner (*)	Tracy Bertram

Endowment Committee

Term ending 2019	Term ending 2018	Term ending 2017
Becky Jones	David Barnes	Les Wainman (*)
Lee Benson	Anna McConnell	Carl Applegate

Memorial Committee

(Deacon - D; Trustees - T)		
Term ending 2019	Term ending 2018	Term ending 2017
Jan Jeffers (*)	Janice Bacon (*)	Kurt Schmidt (*)
Bonnie Haaland (D)	Beverly Johnson (*)	Kevin Cappy (T)

Christian Education Ministry Committee

Term ending 2019	<u>Term ending 2018</u>	Term ending 2017
Ingrid Fox (*)	Tracy Bertram	Karen Dudgeon (*)
Elke Wright	Carol Costel Corbin	Gwendolyn Hayne (*)
Laurie Leach	vacant	Jenelle Pedersen

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Term ending 2019
Chuck Feiszli (*)Term ending 2018
Sylvia Hammond (*)Term ending 2017
Ingrid Fox (*)Pat Buchholz (*)Jim Ulrich (*)Vicki Johnson

Stewardship Committee

Term ending 2019	Term ending 2018	Term ending 2017
Gary Harrington (*)	Cindy Stout	Bill Masterson (*)
vacant	Kurt Schmidt	Susan Benedict

Delegates (all one year terms)

Susquehanna Association: Belinda Burtner, Jan Jeffers, 2 vacancies New York Conference: Belinda Burtner, Peter Wright, Rev. Vicki Johnson Cortland County Council of Churches: Miles and Karen Dudgeon

Pastoral Relations Committee

(At large - AD; Deacon - D; Pastor's choice -PC) James McKenna (AL) Belinda Burtner (D) Cindy Stout (AL) William Hopkins (PC)

Nominating Committee

Term ending 2019	Term ending 2018	Term ending 2017
Lori Schmidt	Tracy Bertram (*)	Bill Masterson (*)
Sherri Masterson	Patricia Buchholz (*)	Russell Pederson

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters Bill and Dorothy Hopkins, Bill and Sherri Masterson

Worship Leaders Bonnie Haaland Carol Agate

Acolyte Abby Elkins, Elijah Smith

Flowers Joanne Cincotta

in memory of my mother, Theresa Gay, who passed away March 11, 2009

Nursery Volunteers Susan Benedict, Grace Wright

Coffee Hour the Choir

Attendance

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<u>Life in the Parish</u> <u>Week of March 13</u>

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

MONDAY – March 14

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – March 15

2:00 pm – Bridge group 6:30 pm – Trustees meeting

WEDNESDAY – March 16

6:15 pm – Lenten worship with Communion 7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – March 17

9:30 am – Susquehanna Assoc. minister meeting here
12:00 pm – Bible Study Group
4:30 pm – Endowment Committee meets

SATURDAY – March 19 10:00-11:30 am – Dream Team

meetings

SUNDAY – March 20

Palm Sunday 9:15 am – Sunday School classes, The Well 10:30 am – Worship service Noon-1:30 pm – Dream Team meetings Noon-3:00 pm – Stephen Ministry meets

NOTES AND NOTICES

Join us **today** for **Spud Fest** 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.

On Sunday, March 20, the Homer Avenue Methodist Church in Cortland will host the Countryside Community Chorus, directed by Bill Tei, at 2:30 pm They will present "Come Walk with Me", sacred music for Easter by Pepper Choplin. Free will offering.

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.