

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: You are the light of the world.

All: We will shine God's light among the shadows.

One: You are the light of the world.

All: We will be people of peace and hope.

One: You are the light of the world.

All: We will spread the love of God's kingdom far and wide.

One: Be the light of God!

Hymn God Speak to Me, That I May Speak #531

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, may your love and grace shine through us like a spotlight on a moonless night. Where there is anger and unrest, may we shine with peace. Where there is despair, may we shine with hope. Where there are shadows cast by sin, may we shine with the brightness of your new realm for all to see. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

Hymn Now Is the Time Approaching #609

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we

forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Doxology

Praise God who gives all blessings birth.

Praise God, all creatures here on earth.

Praise God today and evermore.

Praise God whose glory we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn O God of Earth and Altar #582

Blessing

We are not here to curse the darkness, but to light the candle that can guide us thru that darkness to a safe and sane future.

- John F. Kennedy

There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.

- Leonard Cohen

Keep in Prayer

Pastor Wayne, Dan Lindenberger,
Lewis Poths, Linda Stark, Rollie Homan,
Jane Sanders & Bob Sanders
(sister & brother of Jean King),
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Carol

Offering: May be left in the basket in the back.

Announcements

Worship Sponsors: Holly Valko & Cheryl Austin

Sunday School Bowling, after worship next Sunday

Council, Monday, 7pm

Coffee & Fellowship, Thursday, 8:30am

Sunday School & Confirmation next Sunday

Non-Food Bank, February 18, 9am to noon

Ash Wednesday Service, February 18, 12:30pm
St. John's UCC

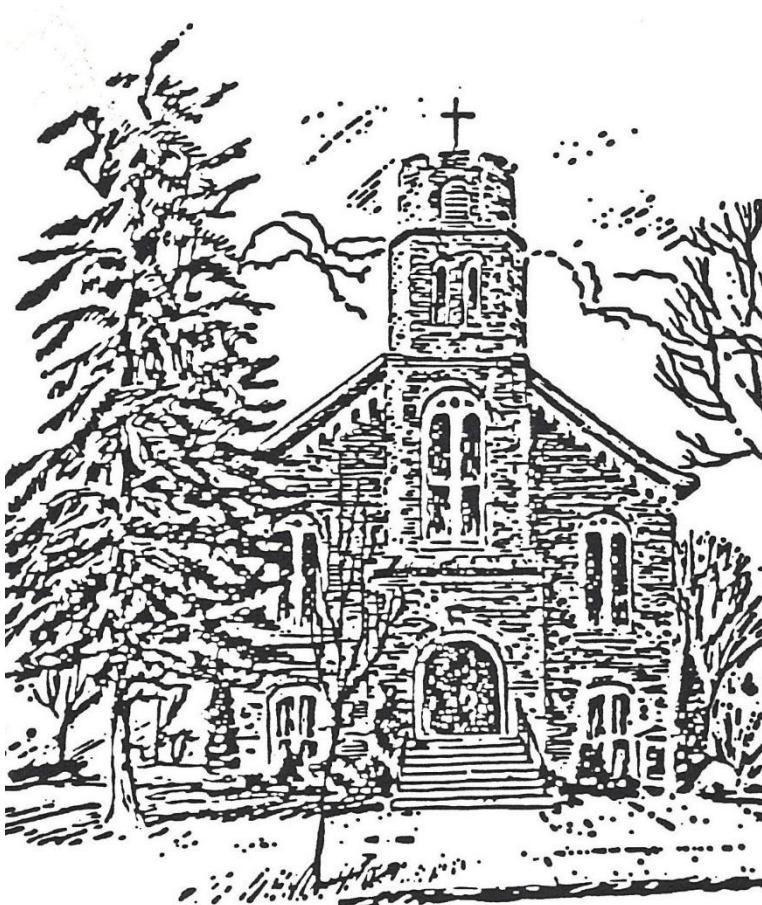
First Sunday of Lent, February 22

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Changing Lives to Change the World



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