

Welcome

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, teach us your ways of peace. Show us how we can be witnesses to your love in the world, standing against the ways of fear and force. May your light and your love shine through us as signs of your kingdom dawning upon our world. Amen.

Sung 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 power, send us grace.**

Scripture Psalm 96 (responsively)
 John 18:12-27

Sermon

Hymn Lift High the Cross #198

Celebration of Communion

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of love. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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 this day 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
Offering Song

**All praise to the Father
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, the Chosen One,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, may the simple gifts we offer to you be a sign of our gratitude for all the gifts you have given to us. Use these offerings and our lives to shine the light of your kingdom into this weary world and bring your peace to all of creation. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn God Speak To Me #531
Blessing

Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by the fear of punishment and the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear of punishment.

- Mahatma Gandhi

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 Sponsor:

Council, Monday, March 9, 7pm

Coffee & Fellowship, Thursday, March 12, 8:30am

Palm Sunday, March 29
with Sunday school Palm Parade

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2, 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 5, 9:00am
Easter Breakfast & S.S. Egg Hunt after worship

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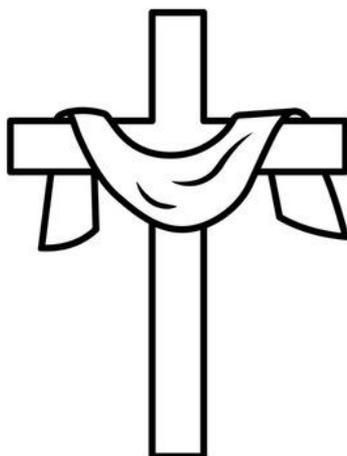
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Welcome to the
Monroeville United Church of Christ

Changing Lives to Change the World



Season of Lent
March 8, 2026

Psalm 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be
moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth
rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;**
- 12 let the field exult and everything in it.**
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- 13 before the Lord, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
**He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth**