

UPPER TUSCARORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD, EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021
MAY 31, 2020 – 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Who does God welcome into the holy dwelling place? Who may live in God's eternal presence?
P: **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart.**
L: Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their neighbors.
P: **Those who do those things shall never be moved.**

*OPENING HYMN....."TRUST AND OBEY" #365 (*SS Hymnal*)
VSS. 1 & 2 ONLY

TODAY'S OLD TESTAMENT LESSONMICAH 6:1-8

SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- L: O my people, what have I done to you? In what way have I wearied you? Answer me! Let us pray to the Lord.
All: **Almighty God, every day we count the blessings you provide for us, and every day we take them for granted. You have rescued us from captivity and redeemed us from the slavery of sin, only we continue to live as if we prefer to be imprisoned by our selfish desires. We pretend that the cost of discipleship is so high, and thereby justify our delinquent obedience. You do not ask the impossible of us. You ask for us to do justice, love kindness, and live in humility. Forgive us for the times we neglect this call. Help us heed your words and do what you require of us. AMEN.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: Who is a God like our God, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of his people? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing mercy, and he

will have compassion on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - (FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)

- L: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
P: **Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.**
L: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Father.
P: **In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.**
L: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
P: **The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**
L: With believers in every time and place,
P: **we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18-31

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 5:1-12

SERMON "GOD'S WISHLIST" LAY MINISTER HOWES

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- All: **O Light of the World, you have set our hearts ablaze with the light of your message of justice, loving kindness, and humility. Help us to shine that light into our dark world. Help us to look for signs of that light.**

Death and fear of death surround us as the coronavirus spreads from nation to nation around the world. But the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. May we never succumb to fear and despair, whether over the coronavirus, the flu, cancer, or any other ailment that threatens to destroy. Give us the courage to provide care and aid to all who suffer from illness.

Anger and distrust of others runs rampant in our world as hate-fueled movements grow strong and people blame the most vulnerable among them for their ill fortune. But the Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? As we have recognized the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Holocaust camp in Auschwitz, Poland, help us to see you in the faces of every single person we meet, knowing you created them in your image.

You have told us O God, what is good and what you require of us. May we, with the guidance and support of Jesus Christ, live as children of the light, doing your will and serving your people. For we pray this in Christ's name, praying as he taught us, "Our Father..."

*SENDING HYMN "JUST A CLOSER WALK"#485 (SS Hymnal)
VSS. 1 & 2 ONLY

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

* - PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

ALL HYMNS ARE FROM THE RED SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMNAL

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

JUNE 7, 21, JULY 5, 19, AUGUST 2, 16, 30 – STAN HOWES

JUNE 14, 28, JULY 12, 26, AUGUST 9, 23 – THALIA FLEETWOOD

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

Pete Byers	David Parsons	Rheanne Wing
Lenora Flood	Paul "Brud" Price, Sr.	Dick Yohn
Lucy Goshorn	Jody Reeder	Louise Yohn
Stan & Tina Howes	Erma Williamson	Mary Margaret Yohn
Rev. Alice Meloy	Floyd Wing	

...AND OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL

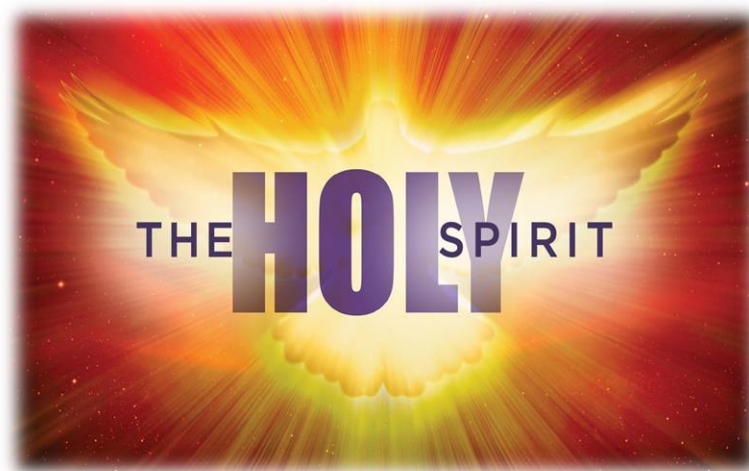
Weston Darrow	Eric Patterson	Grant Speer
Danny Johnson	Nathan Patterson	Kalib Yohn
Donnie McAllen	Anthony Sheldon	Todd Youtzy

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY
WEARING OF THE RED**

LAY MINISTER STAN HOWES WORSHIP LEADER