



Chatham Community Church

Joined in the Spirit
March 4, 2018
Third Sunday in Lent

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us. We rejoice that you are here today!

Music for Prayer and Meditation

Let us silence our hearts, our minds, and our voices to worship our God

Choral Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

Leader: The morning stars profess God's glory:

People: **the waking birds harmonize a refrain of grace.**

Leader: The sun warms us with God's hope, the night sky whispers peace to our sleepy souls:

People: **creation's voice echoes continually in our hearts, reminding us of God's steadfast love.**

Leader: Our wisdom is shattered by God's absurd love; God's vulnerability strengthens our feeble faith:

People: **God's words place joy in our hearts; we follow them to peace and hope.**

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray...

We praise you, Creator God, who bring us such glory we cannot take it in. We are grateful for this time of worship when we can slow our minds down and open our hearts to hear your word. As we listen, we ask that your Holy Spirit touch us anew, so we may learn where it is that we can specifically follow you. Show us the way we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 24

Children's Moment

Anthem

EXPRESSING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Hymn Prayer Hymn #482

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, **Lord's Prayer** *(words printed in hymnal #740)*

Prayer Response #490: **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology #34

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

*Hymn of Preparation #695

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Message

"Who Could Imagine?"

Pastor Patty

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive God's grace, freely given

*Closing Hymn #258

"At the Cross"

*Benediction and Congregational Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.

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*Postlude

**please stand as you are able*

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Pastor Patty will be in Chatham Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening and will be taking a class in Delaware OH on Friday/Saturday

Please continue to pray for...

Hoyt Mis, Lou Gehrig's disease **Laura Tice**, health concerns
Jeff Natterer, health concerns **Neva Bournival**, now at Elmcroft
Clarice, Rosalie's sister – health concerns
Larry Staples, multiple health concerns
Rev. Doug Lewis, continued recovery from lung surgery
Ethan Siman, Adam Klein in the service
Kyle Bohley as he journeys through his confirmation preparation

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sunday, March 4 – 11:30 a.m. Confirmation at Lodi UMC
- ✓ Sunday, March 4 – 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Worship at Poe UMC
- ✓ Tuesday, March 6 – 7:00 p.m. Education Committee meeting
- ✓ Thursday, March 8 – 1:30 and 6:45 Bible Study (Matthew 5:13-16)
- ✓ Thursday, March 8 – 3:30 p.m. Care & Share at the north church
- ✓ Sunday, March 11 – DAYLIGHT savings time starts (set your clocks ahead one hour)
- ✓ Sunday, March 11 – 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Worship at Litchfield UCC

Record of our Faithfulness

Attendance last week: 54 Offering: \$888.00 Matthew 25: \$50.00

SUGAR BUSH BAKE SALE – The Women's Group will be hosting the bake sale at the Sugar Bush Festival on Saturday, March 10. Please plan on contributing baked goods or you can make a cash donation. Funds will be used for holiday food baskets and other mission outreach.

EASTER FLOWERS – Our Easter flower order form is out on the table in the entry. Please fill yours out if you want to order flowers to beautify the sanctuary. You can put your form in the offering plate.

In Service to God and the Church

Accompaniment: Karen & Dave Geisinger **Lay Leader:** Greg Theus
Lay Servants: Jacci Orosz, Laura Staten **Liturgist:** Jayne Cole
Ushers and Greeters:



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