

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

PRELUDE "Communion"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Tony Merry  
Pastor Chow  
L. Raffy

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*HYMN 269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

Sarah Burris

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:9-15

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

WILDERNESS

LIVING THE CALL — Acknowledge the Wilderness

*You are invited to write down, draw, or create something that represents your wilderness experience.*

RESPONSE (insert) "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cindy – We are in the wilderness.

As much as we have tried to map, domesticate, and routinize every inch of our planet and every moment of our lives, we know our maps do not tell us where we are with you, O God, and our schedules often serve to distract us from the reality that we ourselves and so many of our neighbors on this planet are in the wilderness too. And so we pray:

**Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

Cindy Lawyer / Coty Brown

Coty – With all persons kept in poverty or slavery, all who are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, all who face addiction of any kind, and all who are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

**Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

Coty – With leaders in religious, political, economic and social life; with our families, friends, and neighbors; and with all who work to sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders;

**Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

Coty – With all who need your healing power and with all who offer healing through their skill and presence; with all who have harmed us and all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction;  
*Silence*

**Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

Pastor – Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and free us for lives of joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God! Amen!**

MISSION MESSAGE

Jamie Trout – Eastside Community

Ministry

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Agnus Dei"

H. Willan

*Grace Chancel Choir*

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Chow / Todd Sands

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We are yours, O God.**

Bless the Lord!

**God's holy name be praised!**

Praised in heaven, praised in earth, praised throughout your creation is your name, Holy Triune God. The deserts rejoice in your salvation and the wild animals in your deliverance.

The stars above shout out your glory and the earth trembles at your presence.

Satan tries us but your angels support us, so we, with all creation, cry "Holy!"

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is Christ who comes in your name! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, showing us the way where we can find no way.

Cast out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, you made it your home. Facing every test from Satan, you trusted the wild animals as your companions, and angels as your counsel, and so were made ready to declare to all the world the great good news of God's kingdom drawing near.

**Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.**

Blessed are you for coming among us and for offering yourself to us in this holy meal to fill our hungry and wandering souls, and to empower us to break free from Satan's hold and walk humbly with our neighbor and with God.

With your first disciples, on the night of your betrayal into death, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it, saying: Take and eat this, my body given for you.

Then you took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it, saying: Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you. Even so, here and now, come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Come upon these gifts and upon us. Make them be for us Christ's body and blood, that we who receive them may be for all the body of Christ enlivened by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit.

**Make us one.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**Unite us with you.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**Revive us!**

Make us whole and holy on this day, as we await that day when we shall feast with Christ in the new creation. To Christ, to you, and to the All-Merciful Creator, One God, living and true, be all praise, and honor, and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(The Sacrament of Communion will be received in the pews this morning. Communion servers will distribute trays to you. When all have received each element, we will commune together.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with yourself and bound us to you in love, that we may walk with you in the wilderness. In the power of the Holy Spirit, keep these bonds strong, through the days ahead so in this wilderness we, too, may make companions of the wild, and discover the angels at work in our midst. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE**

\*CLOSING HYMN (insert) "Cares Chorus"

\*SENDING FORTH — The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. The Spirit drives us there as well. Settle in. Make strange companions. Endure the trials. Trust the angels. And learn the way. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"O God Our Help"

C. S. Lang

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Pete & Corey Hamilton and family in memory Horace & Alberta Hamilton, Charles Young and Dr. Michael Schuster.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 30                      Worship – 21, 77

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

February 18    Emma Graham, Cathy Hamilton, Drew Hendley, Tammy Vincent

February 20    Dan Arter, Kerry Haddox

February 22    Brayden Dunn, Nick Flarey, Emily Hubbard

February 24    Barbara Hardesty, Stephanie Neff

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

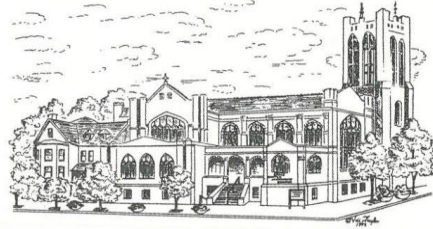
Sunday, February 18	2:30 p.m.	Bishop Palmer at Faith UMC
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Coburn UMC [Maple Ave.]
Monday, February 19		Speaker – Bishop Palmer
Tuesday, February 20	5:30 p.m.	Lay Leadership Team – Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday, February 21	5:15 p.m.	Staff & Staff Parish Comm. – Parlor
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	NO	Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 22	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
Friday, February 23	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, February 24		
Sunday, February 25	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Grace UMC

**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

GRACE WILL    Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

**Grief Share** is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The next Grief Share series begins on Monday, **February 26**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office (740-452-9317).

**TODAY** — Bishop Palmer will be at Faith UMC [Blue Ave.] from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. to provide an update on the work of the Commission on the Way Forward. Clergy and laity are encouraged to attend. Bishop Palmer is a member of the 32-member group made up of UMC clergy and laity that has been meeting periodically since January 2017 regarding the inclusion of LGBTQ people in the United Methodist Church. The commission will make a report to the Council of Bishops ahead of a special General Conference that will take place in early 2019. The conferees then will vote on proposals that the bishops have approved. Those recommendations are still being formulated.



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***First Sunday in Lent: Rehab***

Quite simply, Rehab is a process that leads to some sort of restoration. One definition of rehabilitation is *"the act of restoring something to its original state."*

In a similar way, Lent is a time for us to examine ourselves, looking inward, and to move toward complete restoration in all aspects of our lives, but in particular, our spiritual lives. During the Sundays in Lent, we will explore what it means to move toward restoration (or rehabilitation). This morning we begin in the wilderness, which is the first step in the rehab journey toward reconciliation, healing, and wholeness.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

**Gathering for Celebration**

**Celebration Through Praise**

**Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – Mark 1:9-15

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**Thanks be to God.**

Message – *Wilderness* — Pastor Mark Chow

**Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Going Forth to Celebrate**

**FOOD DRIVE (through 2/11/18) = \$3,030**

*Welcome to Jamie Trout – Executive Director of Eastside Community Ministries*

Thanks to our worship leaders this morning

Hospitality Team – Dana & Cindi Swope, Maryanna Fenton, Jaynellen Sharp

Elevator – Dan & Karen Vincent

Organist – Tony Merry

Pianist/Worship Leader (8:15 a.m.) - Joyce Cooper

Liturgist – Coty Brown

Lay Leaders – Cindy Lawyer, Todd Sands

Communion Steward – Janet Hill

Communion Servers – Maryanna Fenton, Bev Dunworth, Wendy Cochran, Christy Swope,  
Janet Hill, Mary Mason

Children's Ministry – Julie McAllister, Sarah Burris, Cindy Lawyer

Sound Technician – Craig Hill

**WANT TO TRAVEL ---**

> > You're invited to join us on Sunday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m. for a preview of our upcoming, exciting trip to Alaska [August]. We will meet in the Double Classroom at Coburn UM Church located at 3618 Maple Ave. We'll go over the itinerary and details of this trip that's on many of your bucket lists. We'll have light refreshments and answer any questions you may have. Please call Diana McCloy at 740-607-5824 and let me know if you will be attending. *The Double Classroom is located on the left just after entering the doors at the far end of the church near the Wilson Center [gym].*

> > You are invited to join us for any or all of our upcoming 2018 trips. In April we will be traveling to Pennsylvania for a 3-night trip to see the production of "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theatre and then spend the rest of our time in historic Gettysburg. In August we have an Alaska 7-night cruise and a 4-night land tour. In late November you won't want to miss a "Christmas in Nashville" at the beautiful Opryland Hotel. For more information or a brochure, please contact me – Diana McCloy at 740-607-5824 or email at [mccloydf@gmail.com](mailto:mccloydf@gmail.com). You may also contact Coburn church office at 740-454-0186 or stop in at the Coburn church office and speak with Angie.