

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lillian Wanner, Becky DiDay, Ada Mae Blair, Juanita Manley, Kelly & Zola Bender, Nancy McBain, Jeff Price, Elkins Family, Jeremy McMonigal, Ann Taylor, Andrew and Teresa Volchko, Arthur Hughes, Julie Dometrovich, Mark Ravenstahl, Ken Erb, Terry, Mary, and Donald Steadman, Denise Corcoran's family and friends in need, Geno Barilla, Rich and Phyllis Pacella, Carolyn Doubt (Sandy Kingsley's daughter), Barbara Wink's friend- Kellie Dukovic, Angela Conley – dialysis, Cizek Family Cheryl Snatchko, Kay and Ed Persing, Joe and Lois Seamen, Priscilla Thomas, Bob Golden, Ann Wolfe's niece - Vickie, Audry and Mike Crawford, Dick Ricketts sister - Agnes, Meals on Wheels staff, volunteers, clients, NATO Troops and families, our government officials, military, 1st responders, USA, CUMC congregants, pastor, and staff.

Streaming Services on YouTube & Facebook

Sunday services (10am), and Pastor Dennis' Weekly Wednesday Reflections (2pm), will be streaming on our Facebook page. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/CoraopolisUMC/>

Go to YouTube on your phone or computer and search for [Coraopolis United Methodist Church](#).

Be sure to subscribe; it makes it easier to find us each week.

Online E-giving Link

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2TN/home>

Online Giving directly from our Website

<http://www.coraopolisumc.org/give>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

10:00 AM Worship Service In Person & Streaming
11:00 AM Dining Hall remodel committee
12:00 PM Iglesia Invasion Gloriosa Congregation
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, March 20, 2023

12:30 PM Salvation Army
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6:00 PM Pittsburgh Youth Chorus
6:30 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

10:30 AM Bible Study
12:30 PM Salvation Army
2:00 PM Pastor's Reflections on Facebook & YouTube
6:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7:30 PM Chancel Choir
9:30 PM R. E. H. Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23, 2023

6:00 PM Girl Scouts 60174

Friday, March 24, 2023

12:30 PM Salvation Army
7:00 PM Iglesia Invasion Gloriosa Congregation

Saturday, March 25, 2023

10:30 AM Brazilian SDA Congregation

Sunday, March 26, 2023

10:00 AM Worship Service In Person & Streaming
12:00 PM Iglesia Invasion Gloriosa Congregation
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

CCDC Food Drive during Lent

Fruit and Grain Cereal Bars, Quick Oats, Pop tarts, and Cereal

[Lindsay Scholarship](#)

The application forms are available in the church office.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent



Coraopolis United Methodist Church

This year is the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," penned by one who once enslaved others, then found himself in chains and needing to be granted freedom. A variety of biblical characters illustrate what it means to be bound by sin and death – and in God to find freedom.

In Chains to his Passions and Desires

Nathan confronts David: "You are the one!" Such a terrible crime against his neighbor! Such heartless cruelty! The King! Power gone to his head, but there will be no dishonesty before God.

How the Chain was Forged

In the garden, Eve faces temptation from the serpent. The heart wants what it wants, but it does not always want well. The prophet will tell us that it is deceitful above all things – who can understand it?

He and His Community are in Chains and Don't Know It

Isaiah's lament: 'woe is me, a man of unclean lips and living among a people of unclean lips, and yet I have seen the Lord of Glory!' Isaiah finds pardon, but what of his community? They are not outside of the Lord's notice.

In Denial About Her Chains, Grown So Used to Them

The Woman at the well asks: who are you? Why are you here? Are you another accuser? Another tormenter? Jesus shows her who she is, more clearly than if he held up a mirror. Blessings await those who offer themselves in surrender to God.

He's Free, But Will Others Walk Through the Open Door?

The man born blind and healed by Jesus creates quite the upset. The community is astonished. The priests are offended. He comes full circle meeting Jesus again, this time, with his eyes wide open.

Jesus Knows They Will Fall Away – He Walks the Path Anyway.

Peter and the disciple's pledge: 'we will never deny you!' Bravado and bluster. Fear causes them to flee back to the upper room and lock the door for fear that they will be next. They have no idea what God has in store.

Easter

A celebration of joy, that death is swallowed in victory, that all that binds us is broken, that darkness is dispelled, that a new birth has come to us all... the tomb is empty... the greatest chains of all are now broken forever!

Here's what you need to follow along

- ◆ Hymns & readings are from the Hymnal & Bible in the pew
- ◆ When you see words in **bold**, all are invited to say together
- ◆ An * means to stand as you are able
- ◆ At closing, you are invited to remain seated for the postlude

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *How Great is Our God* Arr. Lloyd Larson

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRAISE *Grace at The Cross* Arr. Tracey McKibben

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL: **O Lord, our Lord!**

ONE: When I consider the heavens, the work of your hands,
what are we that you are mindful of us?

ALL: **Thus proclaims the Lord: Fear not! I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine!**

*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

O Lord our God, you bring to us the light of life, but our understanding is too small to grasp just who you are, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. In this season of Lent, as pilgrims on the journey of faith, enlarge our knowledge. Increase our faith. Guide our walk. This we pray, that we might be your disciples, in ways that bring you joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

***OPENING HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #57

PSALTER: Psalm 139 #854

NEW TESTAMENT: John 4:1-26

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Jesus is Calling* Joseph Martin

SERMON *Denial Isn't Just a River in Egypt*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Father,
We are called to offer the world your peace, and to see in each one, a person of sacred worth. How often we look upon some and disapprove. How often we look upon others and excuse, because we are unjust in our judgements. Forgive us when we judge others merely on outward appearance; their manner of dress or style of fashion; their age or their youth; their level of education or ethnic background. Forgive us when our own effort is spent on outward appearance and impression, neglecting character, values, and principle. Forgive for all which hinders us from bearing your likeness in the world. Forgive us and free us for joyful obedience, now and forevermore. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Power of the Cross* Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN** *He Touched Me* #367

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

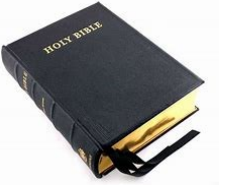
POSTLUDE

Please remain seated during postlude

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Dennis Lawton, Pastor
Bryan Sable, Music Director
Doreen Lawton, Lay Reader
Music by, Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Who: Everyone

**What: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130,
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45**

When: 10:30 AM

Where: Great Room

Why: Come and join our conversation on everyday life.



Scrip Order Sunday Today



Submit your order to the church office by noon with check payment. Cards will be available the next Sunday. On line: E-gift and many physical cards can be ordered at any time.

See Bonnie Swenson if you have any questions .

Your Church Staff Is Here to Serve You!

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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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