

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 12, 2023

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

Monday, March 13, 2023

12:30 PM Salvation Army
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 PM Trustee Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 15, 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 16, 2023

6:00 PM Girl Scouts 60174

Friday, March 17, 2023

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

Saturday, March 18, 2023

2:30 PM Boy Scouts (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

CCDC Food Drive during Lent

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

COMING SOON: Lindsay Scholarship

Contact the office to be put on a list for more information when it is available.

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third 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 *Passepied* Debussy

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Trust in the Lord and do good; delight yourself in the Lord; and receive the desires of your heart.

ALL: **God grant us faith to last us all our days.**

ONE: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; the Lord helps them and delivers them; delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in the Almighty.

ALL: **We worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

O Lord our God, in this season of Lent, we go as pilgrims on the journey. We remember Jesus, Savior, who came into the world to deliver us from the power of sin and death. Fill us with the Spirit's presence, that we may know his resurrected life. Fulfill our earnest prayer, to be your disciples who follow faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

*OPENING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* #64

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-13

PSALTER: Psalm 46 #780

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Timothy 1:15-16

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* #371

SERMON *No Way Out*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Father,
We live in a world of "what if's..." but you call us to find peace in the certainty of your presence. We live in a world where events do not always turn out as we had planned. We are tempted on our journey to see your provision and protection as uncertain, unclear, and unreliable. Accept our doubts and bring us to a place of confident faith. Forgive us when we falter in the conviction that you will see us through the storms of life, that you will give strength to endure the hardships they bring, and that you bring us to that place where hope is eternal. Give us that hope, now and forevermore. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Prelude #8* Debussy

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN *Where He Leads Me* #338

*PASTORAL BLESSING

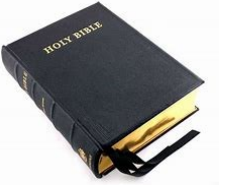
POSTLUDE *Coda From Scherzo #2* Chopin

Please remain seated during postlude

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Dennis Lawton, Pastor
Peyton Elchert, Lay Reader
Music by, Susan Schwartz

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Who: Everyone

*What: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23,
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41*

When: 10:30 AM

Where: Great Room

Why: Come and join our conversation on everyday life.



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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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