

## Video Introduction

## By Your Side

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call To Worship

Leader: Welcome, friends, acquaintances and even strangers.

**People: Welcome honored guests.**

Leader: We gather as a community to worship God.

**People: We come to be reminded of God's goodness.**

Leader: We come to be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

## \*Praise Song

Freely, Freely

Red Hymnal 679

## \*Unison Centering Prayer

**Lord, we come to worship today. We come seeking the warmth of love and the assurance that someone cares. We want to be confident of our worth and to be bold enough to love in return. Please wash us over with grace. Please accept us as we are and may we get to know You a bit more because we have been here. Amen**

## \*Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

Red Hymnal 81

## Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:7

Pew Bible 1368

## Offering Meditation

We come each week and drop offerings in the plate on the small table at the rear of the sanctuary. It can become an automatic action as much as picking up a bulletin from our ushers. Scripture tells us that like the widow giving her mite – her offering was a part of her worship. Let us give in that same spirit today. The offering plate is in the rear of the sanctuary for your convenience.

## Unison Prayer of Blessing

**Lord, as we bring out tithes and offerings today, we bring them as a part of our worship of You. Please receive them, bless them and use them for the furthering of Your Kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## Time for the Children

Millie Baker

Sing Jesus Loves the Little Children as the children come forward

## Sharing Joys and Concerns

## Call To Prayer

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Red 433, vs 1

## Morning Prayer

### Special Music

Gather At The River

Choir

Scripture, Read Together

Hebrews 11:6

Pew Bible 1715

Video

Bargain With God

Morning Message

"I'll Trade!"

Millie Baker

\*Closing Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

Red Hymnal 368

\*Benediction

\*Ending Praise

God Is So Good

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## VISITORS

*Welcome to our service today!*

*We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.*

*Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).*

*The Calm Room in the back of the sanctuary is available for families to use if you need a quiet, private space for children.*

## Please Uplift in Prayer

### Hanover Hall

Esther Brown, Rm 117A

### Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

### Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager, Apt 311

### Brethren Home

Mary Kate Henry, PC Rm 2918

Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931

Mary Ann Dissinger, Brookside Rm 210

Miriam Mills, HC Rm 2179

### Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets, Rm 422

**Others:** Family of Ritchie McKinley, Bob & Betty Stockslager, Family of Bob Worley, Brenda Kneller, Katrina & Joel Zartman

**7<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 25<sup>th</sup> - So How Do I Begin?** You have already begun. You have been taking time out of your day and begin this Lenten journey. Taking time out and changing your focus opens an opportunity for God to speak to you through the Holy Spirit. That is preparing you for appreciating all Christ has done for you. “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**8<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 26<sup>th</sup> - This is such a brief time, does it really count?** Yes, without it your day can get so cluttered and chaotic that the whole day has passed with no connection. When we faithfully seek God, He is working even when we cannot see His hand at work. “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

**9<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 27<sup>th</sup> – If God is so loving, why would He let His Son suffer and die?** Jesus died for us willingly. That is how much we are loved. “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!” Romans 5:6-9

**10<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – February 28<sup>th</sup> – Why can’t I stop sinning like the good people?** Jesus himself said that no one was good except God himself. When He took on humanity, He placed Himself in a vulnerable position, susceptible to temptation and sin. Though he never gave in to sin, His words wanted all to recognize that He was human in every way. “As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked,

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.” Mark 10:17-18

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday during Lent – March 1<sup>st</sup> - “You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands.”* Psalm 63:1-4

**11<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – March 2<sup>nd</sup> Going back to GOOD PEOPLE idea, weren’t the Jewish people God’s chosen people and therefore better than us Gentiles?** Jesus became the equalizer for all who believe. No longer was there one chosen race. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22-24

**12<sup>th</sup> day of Lent – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – How does Lent help us in our daily lives?** A Pew Research Center’s survey found that 86% adults with strong faith felt a deeper sense of meaning and purpose, versus only 50% of those without a faith commitment. Lent’s focus is to help us get closer to God. “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

## Announcements

**Pastor's Schedule:** Pastor Mark will be out of the office until Wednesday, Feb 25.

**Deacon's Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3 at 6 pm.

**Craft Group:** Meets every Thursday at 9 am. Join us!

**Cancellation:** Bread of Life is cancelled for March 5.

**Bible Study:** Fridays at 11 am. Cancelled for February.

**Over 60's:** Wednesday, March 11 at 12 pm.

**Women's Fellowship Meeting:** Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm.

**Two Day Yard Sale:** March 20 and 21. Please bring your items through Wednesday, March 18. Help needed- please see Amy.

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday School - 32 Worship - 67

### Giving Last Week

General - \$3,467 Building Rental - \$332  
Souper Bowl Sunday - \$182  
(Budget Need Per Week - \$4,202)

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February 22, 2026

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### Activities This Week

Sunday, Feb 22

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Tax Prep - 7 am

Line Dance - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

Tax Prep - 7 am

AA - 8 pm

Line Dance - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Monday, Feb 23

### Upcoming Activities

Sunday, Mar 1

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Tuesday, Mar 3

Wednesday, Mar 4

Thursday, Mar 5

Friday, Mar 6

### Assisting Us

Worship Leader

Music Director/Pianist

Organist

Deacon of the Month/Welcomer

Head Usher

Bulletin Board

Brooklyn Kneller

Roxie Schloyer

Bev Wolf

Pat Conrad

Roger Bollinger

Kim Smith