

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Theme — Depths of Love: God Draws Near

Sunday, March 10, 2024



*GATHERING*

*Prelude:* “There Is a Balm in Gilead” Roberta Roland-Raybold

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

**People: Only in God do we find our rest.**

Leader: Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

**People: Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.**

Leader: Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

**People: Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.**

Leader: Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

**People: We come to worship God together! AMEN**

\*Hymn: #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

\* Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, we offer our anticipation for what is yet to come in this Lenten Season. As days lengthen and the good earth warms, so keep us appreciative and warm of heart. Give us in this season fresh vision and renewed understanding of those things most essential to do.**

**Whether we are working on solutions or uncertain where to begin, whether for our church, within our families or our community, guide us in the way we should go. Fill us with energy for the work of worship and the work of daily living. Give us zeal in our witness and keep us steady on a course worthy of our faith, through Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon - #444 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” (vs.2)  
“How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart, that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?”

*PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

*Anthem:* “When I Think of the Nail Prints” Mary Kay Beall

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21

Sermon: “**Loving the Light**”

\*Hymn: #79 “Light Dawns in a Weary World”

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry if there will be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

\*Hymn: #192 “Shine, Jesus Shine”

\*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude:* “Awake, Thou Wintry Earth” Lani Smith”  
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The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### **Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Family this week: Bob & Margy Hershey**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of both our Parents  
Given by Bob & Margy Hershey**

### **Announcements**

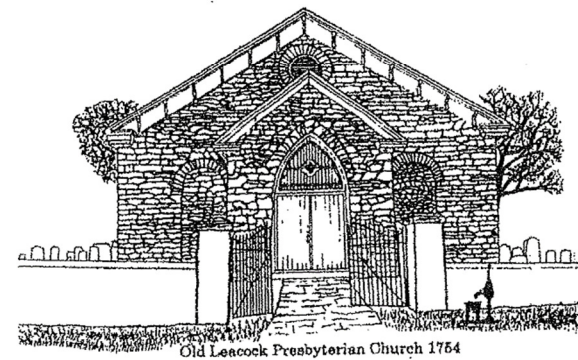
Tonight’s **Lenten Study** is “I Am the Door.” Join us at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for soup and bread with study time following.

**Chancel Choir** will rehearse this morning following worship.

**PNC Meets Monday at 6:30 p.m.**

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