



Lent



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PASTOR CHRIS HARDY
LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS

March 10, 2019
Worship 11:00
First Sunday of Lent
Sermon Series: Sayings of our Savior on the Cross

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Prayer for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.” – Jesus (Matt. 5:44-45a)

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

*Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.***

***Call to Worship**

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort
the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the
temple, to liberate faith from convention,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of
the world and take it away,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

***Praise Song**

“Hallelujah”

Kelley Mooney

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

#882

***Opening Prayer**

Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be

made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Children's Message
† Coins for Kids**

Pastor Chris

**A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns
The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn** "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done" #287

Reading of Holy Scripture Luke 23:33-38 (NLT)

Message "Forgiveness" Pastor Chris

***Passing of the Peace**

**Giving Back to God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory**

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn** "Victory in Jesus" #370

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.

Today's bulletins and altar flowers are given in honor of
Claire Mitchell's 90th birthday
by the Monday Morning Bible Study group.

Here at our church we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, straight, filthy rich, comfortable, dirt poor, have lived here for decades, just moved in, or are passing on through.

We extend a special welcome to those that are newly married, never married, married again, or married for longer than they can even remember... or choose to remember. We welcome families of all shapes and sizes, those with one child that is as quiet as a mouse, those with a whole basketball team, and even moms and dads with crying new-born babies.

You're welcome here if you can sing like Garth Brooks or if you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woke up or just got out of prison. Those that serve in our military or work in our community as first responders, you're welcome here, too. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, or if you haven't been in church since your little nephew's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters and food connoisseurs.

We welcome those who are in recovery or are still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps. We welcome you even if don't like 'organized religion' or you call yourself 'spiritual.'

If you blew all your money on the horses or the blackjack table, you're welcome here, too. We offer a welcome to those who work too hard, don't work at all, can't spell, or come just because grandma is in town and she made you go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost on route 191 and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and all those at different locations on their own journey of faith... and we welcome you!

We hope that you'll visit us for worship on Sunday at 11:00 and consider making us a part of your family. You're welcome here.