

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Hardy

Loving God, Loving Others



**March 24, 2019**  
**Worship 11:00**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Sermon Series: Sayings of our Savior on the Cross**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Gathering Meditation**

"We love each other because He first loved us." – 1 John 4:19

**Prelude & Lighting of the Candles**

Holy God, author of the Word made flesh, to whom belongs both the first Word and the last, open us to your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed, we may be comforted, convinced, and changed to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**People: that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

**\*Praise Song**

"Hallelujah"

Kelley Mooney

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from 1 Corinthians & Colossians

#888

**\*Opening Prayer**

**O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

Pastor Chris

**† Coins for Kids**

**A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

"Were You There"

#288

**\*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**

**Loving God, you have seen our needs and have come to us. At this time, we think of others; and our minds and hearts reach out to them through this act of giving. There are so many who are hurting in this world. Some are right here in our community. Some are in distant lands. Since we are all part of your family, we share what we have. We rejoice that we can participate in this act of sharing your love in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

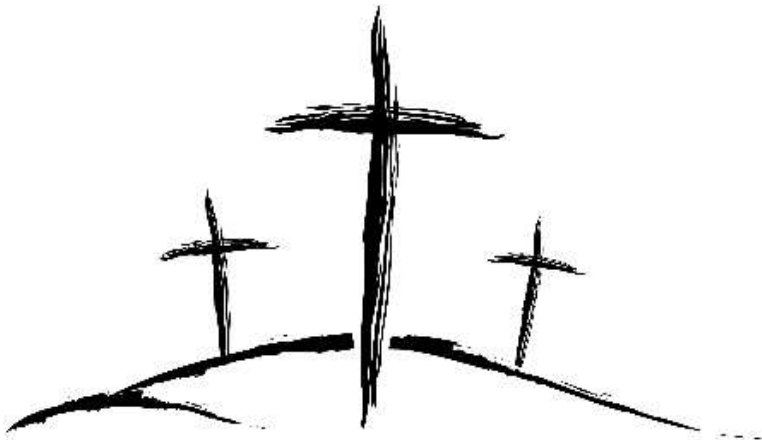
**\*Hymn** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #301

**\*Postlude**

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\*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.



## **You're Welcome Here**

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.

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