

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Mission Statement: *Embrace the community with God's love.*

HYMN

(One of your own choosing)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Shepherd us, O God.

P: Open our ears to hear your calling.

L: Shepherd us, O God.

P: Open our eyes to see your care.

L: Shepherd us, O God.

P: Shear our fascination with the ways of the world.

L: Shepherd us, O God.

P: Prepare us to follow you.

OPENING PRAYER: Together we pray.

Visionary creator, give us your vision. Show us our hearts, our homes, our communities, and our world through your eyes. Wash away our blind spots, and help us to see where we do not see. Allow us to see creation as you see it now, and as you envision it to become. Help us realize your vision, and walk the road of life—the way and path of Jesus. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED: We affirm our faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

(music) 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(please email your requests to fumcperkasio@verizon.net or leave a message on the church answering machine 215-257-4626)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Divine God, our Guide, give us the clarity to wake to our short-sightedness and stay woke. Give us the courage to wake to our shortcomings and stay woke. Give us the compassion to wake to

our hurtful acts and stay woke. Give us wisdom to face our fears, receive your grace, wake to your call and stay woke. Hear our silent prayer, as we sit in awareness of our need. (*Pause in silent prayer*). Help us to wake to this awareness and stay woke. As we receive your grace, we wake to your whispers and direction, yearning to stay woke.

Let us pray as Jesus taught us saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-2, 8

SERMON “*Seeing God*” (viewable online <https://conshy united.com>)

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne, Pastor

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS UNTO THE LORD

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<https://firstchurch501.breezechms.com/give/online>

or mailed to the church office: First UMC; 501 Market Street, Perkasie PA 18944

God of our waking, receive these monetary gifts, that they may bring the goodness of our ministry to your world. Receive also the gifts of our transformed lives, as we open our hearts to perceive our short-sightedness. Give us the vision to offer our lives in service of you. Light our paths, and shine through our lives, as we follow you. Amen.

Doxology (music) 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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SENDING FORTH

Go forth, woke to the call of God, your creator. Go forth, true to the path lit by Christ, your redeemer. Go forth, woke to the conscience of the Holy Spirit, your helper and guide.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (TUNE: *Edelweiss*)

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in each endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and you'll see his face,

He will leave you never.

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