

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
Tatamy, Pennsylvania**

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

PRELUDE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Ps. 91 responsively*)

You who live in God's shelter, say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my strength. My God in whom I trust!**

God will deliver you from evil and calamity.

**Under God's wings, we will find refuge.**

God will command the angels concerning you.

**Upon their hands they will bear me up.**

Through the love of God we will be delivered.

**For God gives life and promises live eternal.**

HYMN #65 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

CONFESSION:

**Gracious God, how easy it is for us to forget that you are our refuge and strength. How easy it is for us to place our trust in the false promises of this world. In doing so, we turn from your love and withhold our own love for others and for the whole of your creation. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins, for we ask it in Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE:

God knows our weakness and forgives our sins. God promises that we will not be forsaken and will find new life. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus we are saved from sin and death. Thanks be to God!

## #734 GLORIA PATRI

**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. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

## MEDITATION

HYMN #254 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERING RESPONSE:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**With joy we dedicate these tithes and offerings to you, O God. With joy we celebrate the work of this congregation and of your church universal. Bless not only what we give but all that we do in the name of him who was and is our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

HYMN #552 "We All Are One in Mission"

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL BENEDICTION:

*(Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights #250, vs. 1, 5)*  
**Throughout these Lenten days and nights,  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope 'til Easter Day.**

**So let us choose the path of one  
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,  
and slept in death that we might wake  
to life on Resurrection Morn!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Diane O'Rorke in memory of parents and grandparents.

BIBLE STUDY will be held this Thursday at 10 am.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

*11 Faith Fehr*

*13 Bonnie Shaffer*

*14 Ray Pearson, Amanda Pearson*

*14 Joan & Dave Hulbert*

\*\*\*These anniversaries were omitted from last week's bulletin:

*5 Ken & Sara Breidinger*

*8 Paul & Barbara Faust*

Happy Anniversary Ken & Sara and Paul & Barbara!!!

GIVING 3/2/25--\$1,376.00    TOTAL GIVIG YTD--\$6,439.00

3/2/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE—30

3/2/25 TOTAL ATTENDANCE—35

YTD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AVERAGE—27

YTD TOTAL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE--32