

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

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5th Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, all who carry sorrow. Come, all who wonder where
God is in the waiting.

P: We come with our questions and our hope.

L: Jesus stands with those who mourn. Jesus calls life out of
death.

P: We come to hear his voice again.

L: Come worship the One who weeps with us and calls us
into new life.

P: Let us worship God.

HYMN #96 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we do not always trust
your timing. When hope seems delayed, we assume you
are absent. When grief overwhelms us, we forget your
promises. Like Martha and Mary, we cry, “Lord, if you
had been here...” Forgive us for the ways we close
ourselves to the life you are still bringing forth. Open
our hearts again to your presence, your compassion,
and your power.**

ASSURANCE

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who
believe in me, even though they die, will live.” In Christ,
death does not have the last word. In Christ, mercy is

stronger than our fear. In Christ, we are forgiven and made new. 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 John 11: 1-45

MEDITATION

HYMN #461 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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

Life-giving God, you are the One who calls life out of death and hope out of despair. Receive these gifts we offer today. Use them to bring light where there is darkness, hope where there is grief, and life where the world feels bound by fear. May our giving help roll away stones and set your people free. Amen.

HYMN #405 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#250 verses 1, 3)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

**We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Sharon Pinto in memory of her mother, Arlene Wagner.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS – Every Saturday from 10 am until noon.

Altar flower sponsor is needed for Sunday, May 3. Please speak to Diane O'Rorke if you are interested. Diane's phone number is 484-515-4506. Thanks!

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Thursday. April 2 at 7 pm.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

22 *Amy Stoudt*

25 *Patricia Stasek*

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