

Welcome to Grace United Church

March 18, 2018

Bold printed text indicates congregational responses.

VU = Voices United Hymnbook

MV = More Voices Hymnbook

Today's Reader: Lynne Heffernan

Today's Ushers: Ron & Janet Motz

CENTRING

PRELUDE

SHARING COMMUNITY

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" VU #232

CENTRING WORDS

We are summoned here by our holy God,

who calls us each by name,

and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

From March Break camps and kitchen and carpool,

we are called into God's presence.

You and old and middle-aged,

individuals and families,

soft-spoken and outspoken,

we hear our names being called to join in worship.

This house of worship

is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.

Let us worship together!*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRAYER OF RELEASING

RESPONSE "Kyrie Eleison (Guarani)" MV #68

ASSURANCE OF LOVE

GIFT OF MUSIC Beth Cruickshank

UP FRONT TIME *time for the young and young at heart*

HYMN "Take Up Your Cross" VU #561

REFLECTING

MINUTE FOR MISSION "All You Need is Love!"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 51, Refrain 1 VU #776
Mark 8:27-38

SERMON Lent Re-turning:
Celebrating the Cross, Daring Love

HYMN "I Danced in the Morning" VU #352

RESPONDING

SHARING OUR GIFTS

SUNG RESPONSE "For the Gift of Creation" VU #538

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Through your great love, O God,
we have shared in the blessing of life.
We respond by offering these gifts back to you.
Bless them and guide their use. Amen.**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

After the words `Holy Spirit' please respond:

"Be with us as we pray."

HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" VU #593

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

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GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, March 19

Janes Funeral, 11 am
Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop, 10 am
Rug Hooking, 1:30 pm
Al-Anon, 8 – 10 pm

Tuesday, March 20

Crafts Plus, 10 – 11 am
TOPS, 10 – 11 am
Light on Main Street Prep, 1 pm
Bridge +, 1:30 – 4 pm
Come Travel with Me, 1:30 pm
Brownies, Guides & Sparks, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 – 7:45 pm
AA Meeting, 8 – 10 pm

Wednesday, March 21

VON SMART Program, 9 am
Light on Main Street, 11:30 am – 1 pm
Lenten Lunch @ St. Matthew's, 12 – 1 pm
Scouts & Cubs, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Affirming Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 22

Walk & Talk, 9:30 am
Hanover Shufflers, 1 – 3 pm
Knitting Circle, 1:30 - 3 pm
Poundwatchers, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Beavers, 6:30 – 8 pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 – 9 pm

Friday, March 23

Escape Room, 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday