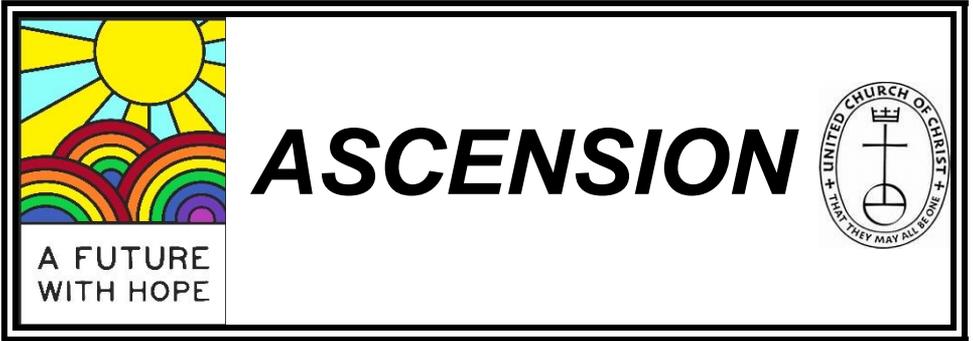


**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”**



**God is Still Speaking
*An Open and Affirming Congregation***

March 13, 2022

11:00 AM

Jesus said, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Luke 13:34

Luke 13:31-35

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“The Lord is my Light and Salvation” (Donner)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is time to quit putting off the assessment of our lives, to face our failure to choose and to be the best we know.

People: **God’s forgiveness is eternal, but our need to confess is urgent, for our faulty choices and willful errors put us in bondage.**

Leader: This is the season of repentance, the time for Lenten sorrow for sin; this is opportunity for release and new beginnings.

People: **For after honest soul-searching and sincere repentance is forgiveness, and after forgiveness is freedom to become who God intends us to be.**

Leader: Let us worship God who calls us to name and own our sins, and claim the grace of new life in Christ.

GATHERING HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *Glory to God 213*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, your will has always been that we know deep love, peace, and joy in faithful relationship with you. We acknowledge that sin blocks the abundant life you intend for all people in communion with you, but repentance is difficult for us modern Christians. We confess we carry a self-made image with care, hoping that the cracks and bruises, the guilts and sorrows about past misdeeds won't show. But they eat into us like a cancer, and we long for release and healing. So often we take the easy way rather than the faithful one. We repent of our sin. Forgive us and create in us clean hearts, we pray.

silent prayer of confession

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth will declare your praise.

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Glory to God 692

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” *Psalm 34:18*

People: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” *Psalm 147:3*

Leader: God fulfilled this promise in Christ by whose wounds we are forgiven and healed.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouths shall show forth your praise!

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

please be seated

Hebrew Lesson Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Epistle Lesson Philippians 3:17-4:1

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:31-35

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Caring God, much of the world is at our doorstep crying for food, for shelter, for medicine, for recognition of their plight. We confess that too often we close our hearts, our doors, and our pockets to the cries around us. We repent of the pittance we give in comparison to the need, the withholding of our resources and ourselves. Forgive our selfishness and receive our gifts of money, time, energy, caring, and advocacy as signs of our intention to live the faith we profess. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Glory to God 12*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

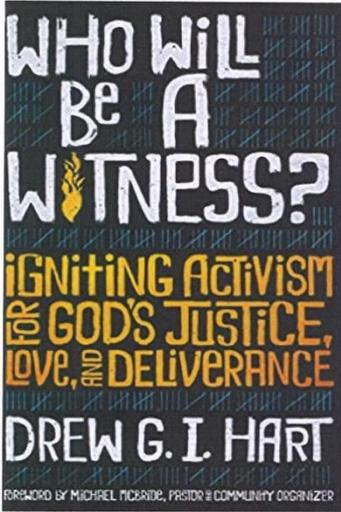
POSTLUDE

“Confident in the Lord” (Romero-Peterson)

March Birthdays

3/13-3/19/2022

*Missy Kleinert (13); David Weed, Nancy Rosen (14);
Joan Hagerman (19)*



LENTEN BOOK STUDY

A journey through Dr. Drew Hart's powerful witness and call on the Christian Church to a discipleship that embodies God's love, justice and deliverance.

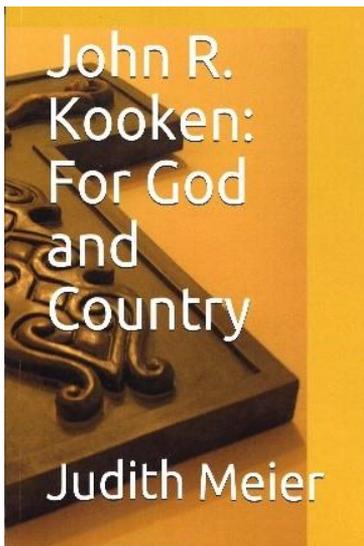
Please join us for a Lenten book study featuring
"Who Will Be A Witness?"

Books may be ordered via Amazon, Barnes & Noble, eBay, etc., even the public library may have this to loan.

Thursdays at 7:30PM
Beginning March 17th through April 7th
via Zoom

Register by replying to this email, and you will receive a Zoom link closer to our Book Study date.





*John R. Kooker
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A book written by Reverend Judith Meier
on the Founding Pastor of the
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Jay is selling copies at \$10 each and the
proceeds will go to the Church's Organ
Fund. The Church office has 4 copies left.

If you would like a copy, please contact the
church office.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

**Sunday, March 20th at 11:00AM –
Third Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, March 27th at 11:00AM –
Fourth Sunday in Lent with Communion**

**Sunday, April 3rd at 11:00AM –
Fifth Sunday in Lent with Rev. David Akers as Preacher**

**Sunday, April 10th at 11:00AM –
Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Thursday, April 14th at 7:30PM –
Maundy Thursday Service with Communion**

**Sunday, April 17th at 11:00am -
Easter Service with Communion**



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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