**March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Announcements**

 **Prelude**

 **Solemn Declaration**

 **Call to Worship**Pastor: New life rises!
**All: That which rises, must first fall and die.**Pastor: Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are released to

 the ground.
**All: The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and nourish.**Pastor: Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the Living God.
**All: And God will raise us up anew. Amen.**

**\*Invocation (Pastor)**God of grains and grace, we gather today seeking to follow in the way of Jesus. The path he chose for his disciples was one of service and it requires of us that we lay down our desires, our ambitions, and serve you with our whole heart. May our worship this day inspire our dying and rising with you as we seek to love and serve like Jesus. May it be so. Amen.

**\*Hymn #193** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

 **Prayer of Transformation and New Life (Unison)**

**God of love, we confess that our ego can all too often get in the way of our ability to serve you and others with our lives. Our false self is driven by our lack of trust in you to provide for our every need. We rely on our own strength. But, our true self can let go and be formed anew by your love. Forgive us our false ways and transform us and raise us to new life. Amen.**

**Words of Grace (Pastor)**Friends, Jesus reminds us that those who serve him will have the assurance of his presence with them. Trust that you are forgiven, that new life rises, and that Jesus abides with you. In the name of Christ, Amen.

**\*Gloria #759**

 *Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Peace of Christ**

 **Message for Youth**

**Scripture:   Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (Craig Strunk);**

 **Hebrews 5: 5-10 (Craig);**

 **John 12: 20-33**

**Response of Praise** *Thy Word*

 *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**Sermon:  “The New Covenant”**

 **\*Hymn #292** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

 **\*The Apostles’ Creed #881**

**Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord’s Prayer (Unison)**

**“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”**

**Prayer Response #769**

*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;*

 *Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

**Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)**

As yeast rises to create bread, so do the rising of our gifts multiply the love of God in the life of the world. Give of your treasure, whatever it may be, however large or small. And trust God will use it for the building of the kindom of God that is emerging among us.

**Offertory**

**\*Offering Response #780**         *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, you heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

 **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)
O God who causes our lives to rise, we lay down to you the abundance you have given us and allow it to fall so that you may multiply it to give life to your world. May it be so. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #198** *Lift High the Cross*

**\*Benediction (Pastor)**God’s people, go out and nurture this world so that new life will rise. Let go of that which binds you to distraction and isolation. And look towards your days with the hope of a single grain multiplying into the abundance of God’s joy and love. Amen.

**Postlude**

Acknowledgments - Single Grains: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.

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**Altar flowers** arepresented by Mary Cresswell in memory of loved ones.

**Prayer List:** The people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria, The victims of the tornadoes and natural disasters, Richard Adinolfi, Alvin Behm, Marsha Biehl, Joe Brogley, Ed Brous, Irene Burkhardt, Joan Clouser, Jane Detwiler, Laurie and Peter Eaton, Linda Egolf, Jana Eschbach, Doris Evenstad, Ruth Hardaker, Betty Hawthorne, Adam Hayden, Chip Hoover, Kathy Hughes, Dorcas Kieffer, Jim Kirkhoff, Betty Leister, Robert Mackie, Eleanor Mauger, Daryll McCormick, Calvin Miller, Dan and Lois Oister, Phyllis, Holly Rhoads, Dave Richards, Bill Ross, Christian Ross, Kenneth Shellenberger II, Karen, Paul, and Scott Steffey, Lee Steiner, Bob Stengel, Dave and Pat Stout, Sandy Strunk, Dottie Taylor, Dotty Washburn, Patti Whisler, Barbara Ziegler

**Wednesday, March 20 –** **April Tymes newsletter deadline**

 Wednesday Crew

 Quilters

 Lenton Devotions at Zion’s, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

 (Soup and Bread)

 Pizza and Ping Pong, 5:30 p.m.

 Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m.

 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 22 – Community Meal at Emmanuel, 12:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Potato Filling – There are several frozen pans of Potato Filling available for your Easter dinner. Large pans are $ 15.00 and small pans $ 10.00. Payment can be given to Joan Miller or placed in the offering plate, marked as potato filling.**

**Save your Redner’s Receipts!** Please, place your Redner’s Save-A-Tape receipts in the box in the lobby of the Sunday School building. We need the entire register tape in order to get credit. Redner’s will donate 1% of sales to our church.

**Get on Board with Market Cards! Support Your Church!**

Members and friends may purchase a Giant and/or Redner’s Gift card to use for groceries or gas. Denominations of cards come in $25, $50, or $100. There is no charge to you but our church receives 5% of the grocery card purchased. Gift cards to Redner’s or Giant are available Sundays in the Sunday School building or during the week through the church office.

***CareBag List for Pottstown Infusion Center***

Here is a suggested list of donations:

—Knit hat

---Neck Noodle

—Hand lotion/chap stick

—mouth wash

—Prayer shawl/ lap blanket

—diamond painted angel keychain

—a CareNote (or similar) booklet

—word puzzle book

—notepad and pencil