

Hiram Christian Church
Season of Lent
Sunday, March 10, 2024



The Widow's Mite
JESUS MAFA

Instructions for Living a Life

Pay attention.
Be astonished.
Tell about it.

~ Mary Oliver

A Service for the Worship of God

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May this time of worship be nurturing to your Spirit,
further encouraging you to be who God has created you to be.

Prelude	<i>A Lenten Prelude</i>	<i>Giovanni Pergolesi, Arr. John Troutman</i>
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
Many:	And also with you.	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	Come among us, Holy Spirit, O God, and create a community of learning.	
Many:	Help us grow in wisdom and understanding, in skill and strength, in knowledge that honors you.	
One:	Teach us to know you, ourselves, and our neighbors more fully, to see your presence in the world more clearly, to love more deeply – with heart, soul, mind, and strength.	
Many:	Form us as doers of justice and lovers of mercy as we walk humbly with you and one another on this path of learning. Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>As We Rise, O God, to Meet You</i>	(see below)
Prayers of the People		
Stillness		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(The language of "debts" and "debtors" is often used. The prayer may begin with the image of parent, "Our Father" or "Our Mother." Use the language that draws you close to our God.)</i>	
Invitation to the Table	This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table. All are welcome. All are worthy.	Ann Patella
Communion Hymn	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	#419
Celebration of Communion		
Prayer of Gratitude		Ann Patella
Response	<i>Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	#312
Children's Sermon		
Scripture Reading	Mark 12: 28 – 44	p. NT 38
Sermon	"Begin with Two"	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	#526
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Ann Patella
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye Heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#46
*Prayer of Gratitude		Ann Patella
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Weave</i>	#495
Postlude	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i>	<i>Robert Thygerson</i>

Following the Benediction, your service begins.

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You 39

SPIRIT, FILL US 8.7.8.7 with refrain

D Am D Am7 | D Am7 D

1 As we rise, O God, to meet you,
2 As we gath - er, God, to - geth - er,
3 As we lin - ger at your ta - ble,
4 As we learn, O God, to love you,
5 As we go, O God, to serve you,

C D Am7 Gadd9 G D Am7

as we o - pen wide our eyes, like the sun that
as each tongue here learns to sing, like the birds that
as we eat this com - mon bread, like the seed both
as we lis - ten for your voice, like the dust from
as we o - pen wide our hands, like the wind that

D C D Am7 D

fills the morn - ing, fill our bod - ies with your light.
fill the for - ests, fill our bod - ies with your song.
sown and scat - tered, fill our bod - ies with new life.
which you made us, fill our bod - ies with your breath.
moves the wa - ters, spread your peace to ev - 'ry land.

Refrain D2 Am7 Bbadd9 Cadd9

We are emp - ty, Spir - it, fill us. God, we o - pen up our
lives.

D Am D Am7 D2



419 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2. All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

HOLY MANNA
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The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

And have the gift to all in - spire,
And striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
Our spir - its long to be made whole.

And have not love, my words are vain,
But not be giv'n by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;

As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

Weave

495

$E\flat$ Gm Fm $E\flat$ Fm $E\flat$
 Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Fm $B\flat$ $E\flat$ Gm Fm $E\flat$
 u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

Fm $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$
 Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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Ministers:	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
Organist:	Drew Hinkle
Reverend:	Chris McCreight

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4C's Needs: For March – canned Sloppy Joe sauce, cereal, pasta/spaghetti sauce. Please remember to check any expiration dates before donating! Monetary donations can be sent to: The 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, OH 44255

Nelson Garretttsville Comm. Cupboard: 8233 Park Ave, Garretttsville, OH 44231

++ Stewardship: If you would like to make a gift to the church via credit/debit card, you can follow the link to our website below.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Sun. Mar. 10: ~ *Daylight Saving Time begins* ~

9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room

11:00am Worship

Tue. Mar. 12: **9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office**

8:00pm AA

Wed. Mar. 13: **12:00pm Lenten Contemplative Service**

5:30pm Lenten Contemplative Service

Sun. Mar. 17: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**

11:00am Worship

Board Meeting after worship

Tue. Mar. 19: **6:30-9am Community Breakfast – please note the change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month!**

STAFF CONTACT & AVAILABILITY:

Rev. Chris McCreight at Chris@HiramChristianChurch.org or 330-977-7834

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Church office hours: Mon. 9:30-12:30pm; Tue. & Wed. 9:30-3:30pm.

Key: **in Admin. bldg.;** **in the Hall;** **an in-person event;** **hybrid event.**

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