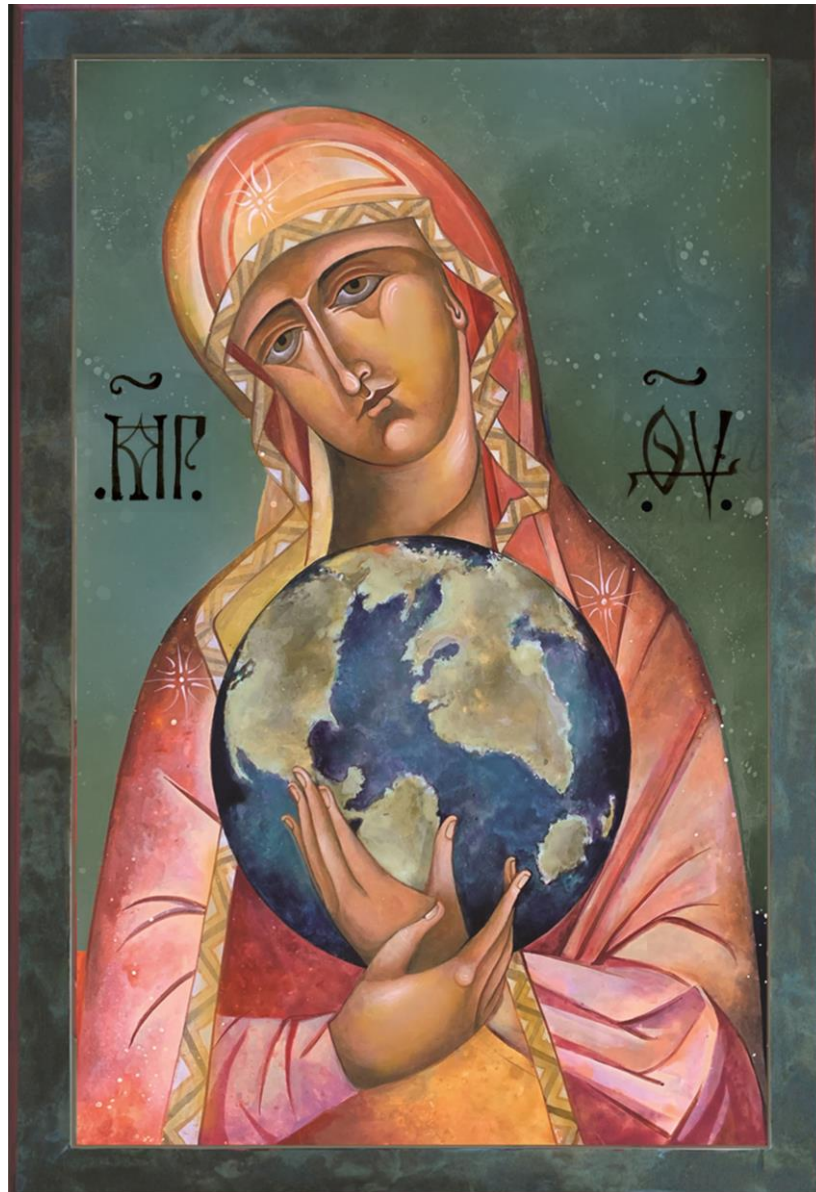


Hiram Christian Church
Season of Lent
Sunday, March 17, 2024



A Mother's Love Holds the World by Mary Jane Miller

Instructions for Living a Life

Pay attention.
Be astonished.
Tell about it.

~ Mary Oliver

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

Prelude	<i>Prelude in D Minor</i>	<i>Johann Pachelbel</i>
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
Many:	And also with you.	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,	
Many:	God was.	
One:	Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing,	
Many:	God is.	
One:	In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,	
Many:	God will be.	
One:	Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,	
Many:	God is, God was, God will be.	
*Hymn	<i>Come, O Long-expected Jesus</i>	#125
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.	Jane Moody
Communion Hymn	<i>God, Be the Love</i>	(see below)
Celebration of Communion		
Prayer of Gratitude		Jane Moody
Response	<i>Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	#312
Children's Sermon		
Scripture Reading	Mark 13: 1 – 8, 24 – 37	p. NT 38
Sermon	"The day after the day after." ~ a new eschatology of process (and chalk)	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines</i>	#711
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Jane Moody
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		Jane Moody
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Weave</i>	#495
Postlude	<i>Sweet Peace</i>	<i>Gregg Sewell</i>

Following the Benediction, your service begins.

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

125

1. Come, O long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set your peo-ple free.
2. Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
born to reign in us for-ev-er, born your grac-ious realm to bring.

You, our strength and con-so-la-tion, come sal-va-tion to im-part;
By your own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;

dear de-sire of man-y a na-tion, joy of man-y a long-ing heart.
by your all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to your glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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God, Be the Love

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GREEN TYLER 9.8.9.5.5



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly; great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light; flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eye of all who see me; Christ in the ear that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph-ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind; depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove and al - ways,
hears my voice; Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me, O Christ, sur-round me.

Text: based on the "Prayer of St. Patrick" (Ireland), 5th c.; Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (USA)

Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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711 O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

Unison

1. O day of peace that dim - ly shines
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,

through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;

guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love,
as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze,

de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes.
a lit - tle child shall lead them all.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

MUSIC: Traditional Scottish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

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May swords of hate fall from our hands,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love,

our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,
all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;

till by God's grace our war - ring world
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled,

shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Weave

495

Chords: Eb Gm Fm Eb Fm Eb

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Chords: Fm Bb Eb Gm Fm Eb

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

Chords: Fm Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb

Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

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WEAVE
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Ministers:	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
Special Musician:	Emliss Ricks
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. 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!**

9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office

8:00pm AA

Wed. Mar. 20: **12:00pm Lenten Contemplative Service**

5:30pm Lenten Contemplative Service

Sun. Mar. 24: ~ Palm Sunday ~

9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room

11:00am Worship

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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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