

Hiram Christian Church
Season of Lent
Sunday, March 3, 2024



Jesus Cures the Man Born Blind
JESUS MAFA

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>Make Me Pure Within</i>	<i>Kevin Uppercue, Arr. William Daman</i>
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
Many:	And also with you.	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at the expense of our soul.	
Many:	Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion.	
One:	Teach us about Jesus' way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed.	
Many:	You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying, and embracing your way with courage.	
One:	May it be so.	
Many:	Amen.	
*Hymn	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i>	#18
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>	
This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table.		
Invitation to the Table	All are welcome. All are worthy.	Joe Soukenik
Communion Hymn	<i>I Come with Joy (v.1-3)</i>	#420
Celebration of Communion		
Prayer of Gratitude		Joe Soukenik
Response	<i>Amen, Amen, Amen</i>	#312
Children's Sermon		
Special Music	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	Ann Patella
Scripture Reading	Mark 12: 1 – 12	p. NT 37
Sermon	"Death and Taxes"	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	#595
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Joe Soukenik
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		Joe Soukenik
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life</i>	#432
Postlude	<i>Sacred Medley</i>	

Following the Benediction, your service begins.

18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
 3. En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
 4. Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

out your faith with cheer - ful voice; de - light in God whose
 fash - ions us with - out our aid, who claims us, gives us
 joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
 mer - cy is for - ev - er our, whose truth at all times

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - jice.
 all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
 God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

WORDS: William Kethe, 1561, alt.
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)

I Come with Joy

420

Unison

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

1. loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 2. all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 3. vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 4. ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 5. God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

1. love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 2. Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3. strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 4. live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 5. love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1982, 1995
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Charles H.
 Webb, 1987

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Be Thou My Vision

595

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.

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

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432 O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life

1. O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;
2. O faith-ful Guide, re - new our trust in love that does not fail;

di - rect our steps as we go forth to do your will this day.
and give us strength to work and pray, that peace may soon pre - vail.

WORDS: James L. Merrell, 1991
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836
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Ministers:	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
Special Musician:	Ann Patella
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. 3: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**
11:00am Worship
Potluck after worship, Easter flower orders are due!
3:30pm Chi Rho at Shaker Rocks
- Tue. Mar. 5: **9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office**
8:00pm AA
- Wed. Mar. 6: **12:00pm Lenten Contemplative Service**
5:30pm Lenten Contemplative Service
- Sun. Mar. 10: ~ *Daylight Saving Time begins* ~
9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room
11:00am Worship

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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