

Smyrna United Church of Christ

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Lent

11 a.m. Fifth



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ringing of the Peace Bell/Passing of the Peace
Ringing of the Worship Bell

Prelude

*Call to Worship – Ginger Redlinger

God sees us as we are:

We are young, old, and living in between;
We are married, single, widowed and divorced;
We are created gay, straight, and other;
We are many races blended together and bound by history and fate;
We are happy and sad, and sometimes angry or afraid;
We are healthy and ailing, strong and weak;
We are rich, poor, and somewhere in the middle;
We all have abilities, and disabilities too—we need one another;
We have believed; we have doubted; and still, we wonder;
So come, let us worship the wondrous One, who knows and loves us all.

Hymn 25 – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Help us, and forgive us, O God. Look upon us, your people, and grant us your saving grace. Hear us as we lift up our silent prayers to you, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Assurance of Pardon

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 130

Rick Gano

*New Testament Reading – Romans 8:6-11

The good news of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Hymn 586 – “Come to Tend God’s Garden”

A Quiet Time of Prayer

Prayers of the people

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.

Gathering of the Gifts -- There are two ways you can make your offering. 1)

Mail a check to Irene Schriever, treasurer, 32914 S. Kropf Rd, Molalla, OR 97038 2) visit Smyrna’s website: www.smyrna-ucc.org/donations and click on the button “Donate,”

*Offering response (doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication – (Unison) – Ginger Redlinger

Loving God, we know that this is a time of trial for so many. Bless these gifts that we offer, bless our gathering together in Spirit, and bless our lives, that we may be instruments of your healing and peace. Hold us close, and let us hold close those near and far who face so many challenges in their lives, as we make our lives offerings of compassion. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Closing Hymn 286 – “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*Dismissal with blessing

Benediction Response – “Now Thank We All Our God” (Verse 3)

All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Announcements — March 29, 2020

Needed now at the Molalla Service Center: Funds to help them purchase food from the Oregon Food Bank.

Children for Change in March and April will go to support the work of "Camp To Belong" which provides an opportunity for siblings separated through foster care to be reunited for a week of camp during the summer. There are camps in several states, including one in Oregon hosted by Kindred Matters (June 21-26, 2020). Here is more information about Kindred Matters in Oregon: <https://kindredmatters.org/>. And here is more about Camp To Belong: <http://camptobelong.org/about/>.

Online donations can be made on either of the websites above or by mailing to Irene Schriever, Treasurer, 32914 S. Kropf Rd, Molalla, OR 97038 (mark for Children for Change).

There will be free homemade face masks available in the narthex of the church beginning Monday. These are NOT hospital grade facemasks, but will provide a barrier. They can be washed after use and dried in the dryer (140-150 degrees heat will kill a virus) and reused.

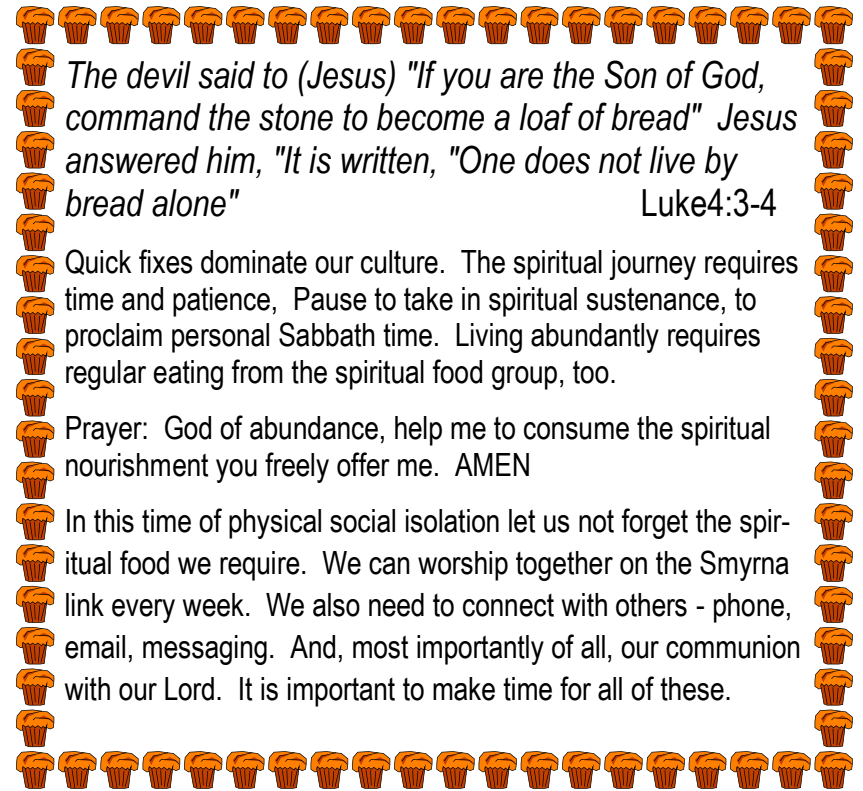
Please watch HeartLine and the Smyrna Facebook page for upcoming announcements.

Happy Birthday!

30th — Patty Gribble

31st — Kristin Daniels

April 1st — Dave Akers, Spencer Chapin



The devil said to (Jesus) "If you are the Son of God, command the stone to become a loaf of bread" Jesus answered him, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone" Luke4:3-4

Quick fixes dominate our culture. The spiritual journey requires time and patience, Pause to take in spiritual sustenance, to proclaim personal Sabbath time. Living abundantly requires regular eating from the spiritual food group, too.

Prayer: God of abundance, help me to consume the spiritual nourishment you freely offer me. AMEN

In this time of physical social isolation let us not forget the spiritual food we require. We can worship together on the Smyrna link every week. We also need to connect with others - phone, email, messaging. And, most importantly of all, our communion with our Lord. It is important to make time for all of these.

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