

## Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 24:** 10:00 Worship (Communion): 11:00

Refreshments, 11:30 Sunday School/Confirmation Class

**March 18:** Fellowship Guild @ 2:30 at PLUC

**March 20:** Youth Group @ 7:00

**March 21:** Consistory @ 7:00

**Suggestion for Angel Mission donation:** Salt

**March Candle Volunteer:** Volunteer needed

### Lenten Services

Soup (6 p.m.) and Evening Prayer (7 p.m.)

March 20	PLUC
March 27	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
April 3	PLUC
April 10	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

### Weekly Calendar

**Mon:** 9-10 Conversational English...10-12 ESL tutoring... 12-1 AA...

5:00-6:00 12-Step Centering Prayer

**Tues:** 11:30-12:30 ESL tutoring... 12-1 OA... 5-6:45 aerobics... 7-8 AA

**Wed:** 12-1 AA...12:30-2:00 ESL tutoring... 5-6 Centering Prayer... 7-8 Youth Group...7-8 NA

**Thurs:** 10-12 International Neighbors...5-6:45 aerobics... 5:15-6:45 AA

**Fri:** 9:30-11:00 church is cleaned...12-1 AA...6:30-8:00 AA

**Sat:** 9-10 AA

**Sun:** 10 Worship...11 Fellowship...11:30 Sunday School...6-7 NAR-ANON

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, March 24, 2019

Greeter: Judy Albee; Usher: Lois Jambekar; Sermon Under the Tree: Eric Byykkonen; Prayer Writer: Mark Marino; Refreshments: Jan Medlyn, Karen Hubbard;; Nursery: Barb Brookhouse

#### Serving this Morning

Presider: The Rev. Peter Norland; Musician: Susie Byykkonen

Lector: Nancy Byers Sprague;

Prayer Writer: Barb Brookhouser; Sermon Under the Tree: Rev. Peter Norland;

Greeters & Ushers: Lou Ellyn & Ron Helman

Refreshments: Nancy Byers Sprague, Dianne Sprague; Nursery: Lydia Lytle

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## Portage Lake United Church

Presbyterian Church (USA) & United Church of Christ

March 17, 2019



### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C. (Lent: purple)

✙ Please stand if you are able

HYMNS: BLUE = *Presbyterian Hymnal*

GREEN = *Sing a New Creation*

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Meditation

*The greatest Christian is not the one who has achieved the most but rather the one who has received the most.* (Jim Cymbala)

#### Moment of Silence

#### Prelude

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### ✙ Call to Worship

The psalmist sings,

**One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that I will seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in God's temple.**

Sisters and brothers, God is good,  
and in love and mercy greets us here.

✦ Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" BLUE #488

✦ Prayer of The Day

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**you have made us citizens of heaven,  
but we confess that we have set our minds on  
earthly things.**

**We have let our desire for security restrain our  
commitment to serve the poor.**

**We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation  
to love our enemies.**

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity  
to the needy.**

**We have let our craving for public status prevent our  
honesty about hidden sins.**

**Yet, you know the desires of our heart  
and nothing is hidden from you.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ,  
that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

✦ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Let us greet each other with a sign of God's peace.*

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.

**By one spirit we were baptized into one body.**

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Sermon Under the Tree for Children of All Ages

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1

✦ Hymn: "My Life Flows On" INSERT

✦ Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

*Moment of Silence*

**RESPONSE** *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER.*

Offering

Offering Hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" GREEN #220

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession

✦ Prayer of Our Savior BLUE pg. 16 (ecumenical)

**SENDING** *GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.*

✦ Hymn: "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" BLUE #282

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

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**For personal reflection in the coming week:**

*In Luke 13:35 Jesus says, "And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" To what sort of "seeing" does Jesus refer? Is Jesus calling for more than a verbal declaration that he is the Messiah? How might I live so that I become a testimony that Jesus is truly the one who comes in the name of God?*

**Next Sunday's scripture passages:**

*Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-10 Luke 13:1-9*

*Flowers today are provided by Rick vonBatchelder in memory of  
Melville Merrifield*