

# *Ardmore United Methodist Church*



*“Giving Up Superiority”*

*March 4, 2018  
Holy Communion*

# 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

Co-Officiant, The Rev. Donald Williams

*It is our privilege to have you join us in worship. If you are new to our faith community, we welcome you. We hope that today's worship will be a fresh and positive "Open Window" to God's transforming love and power for your life. If you are visiting with us or have a new address, please fill out a prayer card in the pew and drop it into the offering plate, and sign our Guest Book in the entry area (Narthex) as you leave.*

## Entrance

Prelude Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Lau

Introit Bless the Lord, O My Soul

\*Hymn of Praise Holy, Holy, Holy No. 64

\*Call to Worship (*Leader and People*)

L: Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

P: God's holy word revives us.

L: Simple and confused, we yield.

P: God's word gives us wisdom.

L: Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

P: God's word enlightens our eyes.

L: More precious than gold is God's word.

P: Sweeter than honey are God's commands. Amen.

\*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father No. 70

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see; the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes that are placed before us. We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety we will be OK. Show us how foolish we are to place our hope and trust in these things. Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our faith in you. In all of our decisions, in all of our temptations, give us wisdom, discernment and your Spirit to guide us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Proclamation & Response

Children's Time Cary Coglianese

(*Children may exit for Sunday School or to Nursery.*)

Joys, Concerns and Morning Prayer

Solo Amazing Grace Courtney

*Heather Phillips, Soprano*

\*Gospel John 4: 5-42 Page 1651

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

*Reader: Gary Ammon*

**\*Passing of the Peace**Ritual of Friendship (*Please sign, pass and return to pew rack*)**Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts**

Offertory

Peace I Give to You

Courtney

**\*Presentation of Gifts**

The Doxology

No. 95

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to Holy Communion

Page 7, Hymnal

Confession and Pardon

Page 8, Hymnal

**\*Passing the Peace**

Page 8, Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving (*sung response*)

Page 15, Hymnal

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16 Hymnal

Communion Solo

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Sophia Hunt, Mezzo-Soprano***Sharing the Bread and Cup - Holy Communion**

*This morning we will share communion while remaining in the pews. The elements will be brought to you singly - first the bread (including gluten free), then the cup. Please **wait** in each case until **all** are served so we can commune as one. Following communion, the empty cups may be placed in the pew rack. On the chancel rail there will be plates for our communion offering: "The Congo."*

**Prayer After Receiving (*unison*)**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Sending Forth****\*Closing Hymn**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

No. 663

**\*Benediction**

Be with us, Lord, as we go from this place. Give us confidence in your loving presence, and help us witness to that love as we encounter others.  
Amen.

Postlude

March

Guilmant

**\*Congregation standing**

Head Usher: Katherine Beskid

Join us in the Parlor immediately following service for our Coffee Hour.

Thank you Isabel Giordano and Brenda Verner for hosting.

**Tuesday, March 6th** - 7:30pm, Wesley Room. Administrative Council.

**Wednesday, March 7th** - 7-8:30pm, Parlor. Lenten Devotionals.

**Thursday, March 8th - 15th** - Pastor Tim will be on vacation. He and two Methodist minister friends, will again be going to Clearwater, Florida to see the Phillies play Spring Training games. If there are any pastoral care needs, please call the church office or Pastor Tim's cell (610-306-3709.)

**Saturday, March 10th** - Funeral Services for Florence Davis.  
10am Calling Hour, 11am Service at Ardmore UMC.

**Sunday, March 18th** - Coffee Hour and Conversation, Wesley Room. Get some coffee and snacks then join us for a personal sharing from Margie Reiley (Florence Davis's daughter) about hand gun violence.

**Lenten Offering** - As a spiritual discipline for Lent, from now through the end March, we are inviting you to give a 2<sup>nd</sup> mile gift to the church. For your use, "Lenten Offering" envelopes can be found in the pews. The Lenten offering this year will go toward the extra utility costs of this winter season. As always, we appreciate your generosity.

**Laity Response** - If you would like to become more active or involved with areas in the life of the church, please see Pastor Tim or Paula Engard-Ellis to match your interests with our needs.

**Easter Flowers** - (See Insert) - please return it to the office no later than **March 26<sup>th</sup>. Each Lily plant - \$8.00 - Hydrangea plants - \$18.00**

**Easter Candy Needed!** Donations of individually wrapped "snack" sized candy that will fit into plastic Easter eggs. Plan now to donate, and if you would like to help, contact Wayne Davis our Director of Christian Ed.

**Food** - For now, all donations will be going to St. Mark's in Broomall. Please ensure that any food item has a future expiration date as the Food Bank cannot accept items with expired dates.

**Upper Room** - Regular and large print for March is now available in the Narthex.

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