

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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## **March 8th, 2020**

*“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement*



“Those who stand highest in the esteem of men are most exposed to grievous peril, since they often have too great a confidence in themselves.”

-Thomas a Kempis, (Catholic Monk and author, 1380-1471), *The Imitation of Christ*

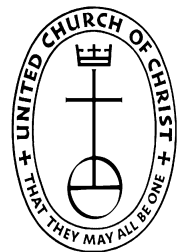
Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All

**Pianists:** 8:30a Sue Steele 10:30a Judy Grace

**Acolytes:** Drew & Cole Harris

**Liturgist:** 8:30a Melanie Shipley 10:30a Christine Ramsey

**Greeters/Ushers:** The Storts Family





**March 8, 2020 Second Sunday in Lent**

*8:30a & 10:30 a.m. service*

*\* stand if you are able † = 10:30 a.m. service only †† = 8:30 a.m. service only*

## Ringing of the Bell

**Prelude**

**Harpist, Christine Ramsey**

**Acolytes †**

**Welcome / Announcements**

**\* Hymn ††**

*Morning Has Broken*

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**Special Music †**

*Put Your Hand in the Hand*

**Susie Hatch & Mary Miller**

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People:** **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People:** **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

**Leader:** Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People:** **We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

## Prayer of Invocation

**Children's message †**

**Skit performed by 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade class**

*"Friends, Faith, and Fiery Furnaces"* by Carrie Varnell

## Old Testament Text

**Psalm 121 (NRSV)**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

## New Testament Text

**Matthew 5:21-37 (NRSV)**

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.

<sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup> “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

### **Homily on Matthew 5:21-37**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

### **Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer**

*Candle Dedication: David Snyder and Jason Hite’s Birthdays.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Bridges of Grace UCC, Charleston WV*

### **Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory**

**Harpist, Christine Ramsey**

#### **\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

#### **\* Offertory Prayer**

#### **\* Hymn †**

#### **New Testament Text**

**Matthew 5:38-48 (NRSV)**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup> and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup> and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### **Homily on Matthew 5:38-48**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

#### **\* Hymn**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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#### **\* Benediction / Response -**

*Let There be Peace on Earth*

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

#### **Postlude**

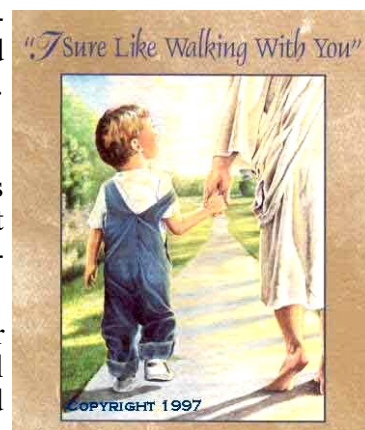
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**Newborn – 2 yrs old**, A Cry Room is available for your use during the worship service. It is located above the Sanctuary. You can use the stairs located through the door directly to the left as you exit the main doors of the Sanctuary. You can hear and see the service from this room.

- **3 yrs old - K**; your child is invited to Sunday School with our BUGs (Born Under God's Sun), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

- **1st Grade – 3rd Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School with our TIGERS (Trusting In God for Every Reason), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

- **4th Grade – 7th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC



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### ***If you are visiting...***

Welcome! We pray that you'll find our worship service meaningful and uplifting, and our congregation welcoming and friendly. We know that coming to a new church can be a little uncomfortable. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know! During the worship service, please be sure to provide contact information on our pew pads so Pastor Scott can reach out and thank you for attending.

### ***If you have been attending ....***

and would like to be more involved in the worship service or other events, we have a number of support roles you could participate in.

When you hear Rev. Scott talk about signing up in the **Binder** or see "**sign up in the binder**" written anywhere, it is the **blue notebook** that is being passed around the sanctuary during the service. This notebook has all the available Positions, Mission Outreach Projects and Events that are currently open for volunteers or are happening at our church.

**The Acolytes** are children 8 years old - about 12 years old. They carry the Light of Christ up to the alter at the beginning of our 10:30a service. If you are interested in having your child be an Acolyte, please let Rev. Scott know. It takes about 10 minutes to go through the process and we have your child with another experienced child for the first time.

**Lay Readers** - Are the people who read scripture, offer up the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Invocation. All the materials are up on the pulpit, or could be sent to you ahead of time if you would like to preview before hand. Please let Rev. Scott know your preference. No experience is necessary to participate in this support roll. (8:30a Service Lay Readers take up the offering and assist with Communion if necessary).

**Greeters** - Greet people as they arrive during our 10:30a service. The request is that you arrive about 20 minutes before the service. You hand out the bulletins and share a smile and some welcoming words and if the person is a visitor, you might make them aware of where the restrooms are located as well as the cry room, nursery and other children's activities depending on our current worship schedule.

**Ushers** - (The people who take up the offering) 10:30a service. Most times the Ushers and Greeters are the same people. When attendance is light and it is not a Communion Sunday 1 person can do both. On a Communion Sunday it is a 2-person position. If you are interested in ushering, please let Rev. Scott know and we will take a few minutes to go over this simple task so that you are comfortable in what you are doing.

You can sign up to greet and not usher if that is your comfort level or sign up to usher separately from greeting.

**Special Music** - We are open to any music that lifts God in Praise. If you would like to share...Just Share! Please see Janine Shipley or Christine Ramsey to talk about an idea or schedule a date to share your gift of music.

**Thank you for your interest in being a part of our Worship Service**

## Announcements and Information

**Utica Food Pantry Needs Volunteers** - Thursdays 2:30-5:30p. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please contact Pat Burress directly at 740-507-9862 to get on the schedule .

**Monday Noon Bible Studies** - This year we are using *Living Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton as a guide for our study. This is Hamilton's latest book. We will look at a devotion each week and the scripture he addresses. This book is available on Amazon and in electronic formats. Please bring the book and your Bible. We will pick up in January.

**Last week of the month lose offering** - Going forward we are rotating monthly between UFP, our Sunday Salvation Army meals and FPN. The Missions Ministry made this decision to broaden our community outreach. Thank you for your continued generosity in serving our community.

**WISH Meeting** - Monday, March 9th at the church at 6:30p. Bring an appetizer to share. Please see details in the binder and sign up if you plan to attend.

**Special Music During Lent** - The choir will sing on March 15th, practice will be at 9:30a on March 1, 8, and 15. Chimes will play on April 5th and 12th, practice will be at 9:30a on March 22, 29, April 5 and 12. Please join us!

**Restorative Yoga** - Friday, March 13th 6-7:30p. Sign up in the Binder. Cost is \$10.00

**TIGERs Activity Nite** - Sunday, March 15th at 6p

**Membership and Outreach Meeting** - Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30a

### Lent in Plain Sight

Using a devotional book (*Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield, available in paperback on Amazon for \$13.99), we will walk together through the Lenten season, studying 10 ordinary objects. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30p; March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8.

### Intentional Listening

Having someone who will listen to you can make a tremendous difference in their lives! If you'd like to sharpen your listening skills, please consider participating in these sessions. I'd love to have people who are willing to make every effort to commit to being to all three sessions. The idea for this series is inspired by the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, the biopic of Mr Rogers which came out last year. Everyone is invited to come to the screening of the movie whether you'd like to participate in the sessions or not.

**Movie Screening**—6 pm on March 8

**Listening Sessions**— 7-8 pm on 3/22, 3/29, 4/5

### Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

#### Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Bob Tucker Dave Nash Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams Jane Lake  
Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Angie Alexander Jim Farmer Holly Berry Dave Carr

#### Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** Bridges of Grace UCC, Charleston WV





#### Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Lauren Blair
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Mary Beth
Mark Frick	Jesse Buchanan	Phyllis Miller
Marsha King	Christine Schmidt	Maddie Reese
Judy Schmoll	Lane Gibson	Harvey Reese
Chrissy King	Josh Saxton	Larry Webber
Carol & Bill King	Sherry Selfe	Sharon Biere
		Glenna Biggins

Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Tanner MacLachlan, Jared Grace, Nate Comer

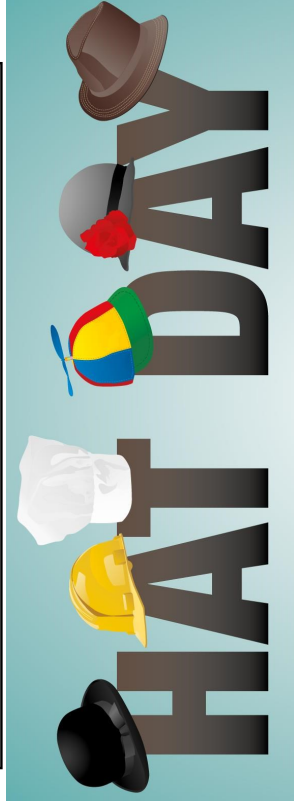


# This Week at Highwater, March 9th - March 15th

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
Pastor Scott Available  Noon Bible Study  6:30p WISH Meeting	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie in Church Office   Happy Birthday David Snyder  6:30p Lent Study  6:30p Quilt Club	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie in Church Office   Happy Birthday Jason Hite	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie in Church Office	 Happy Birthday Jim & Melody Hover	 Happy Anniversary Jason & Melody Hover	8:30a Worship Service  9:30a Choir Practice  10:30a Worship Service  10:30a Sunday School  6:00p TIGERs Activity Nite

**Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314**

**Scripture for Next Sunday, March 15th**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**Psalm 95 Matthew 6:1-24**



**Fun Day Sunday**  
**March 22nd**  
**Wear Your Favorite, Funniest or Craziest hat to church!**

**Pastor Scott's Door is Open on Tuesdays**  
**by appointment.**



**One Great Hour of Sharing**  
 (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

We plan to receive this special offering on Sunday, March 22nd.

Thank you for your partnership and your generosity.