

St. John's UCC, Orwigsburg, PA
Worship Service for March 29, 2020

Prelude:

“I love You Lord” Laurie Kline
Trena Murphy & Tracy Holler

Hymn:

“The Old Rugged Cross” George Bennard
Trena Murphy & Tracy Holler

Welcome:

No matter who you are or where you are on Life's journey you are welcome here!

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, into the shadows of our isolation you speak the words of life & community. Dear God, you call us from places we call home to lead us more deeply into the world you love. With your gentle healing touch, you redeem the broken places of our lives and you heal the wounded places of the earth. Inspire our worship here this day, so that we may receive liberation in your word, and be filled to overflowing to share your reconciling love throughout the earth. We pray in Jesus name, Amen.

Call to Confession:

Silent reflection of the week past and confession of sins.

Assurance of Pardon:

Receive the good news: There is no place, not even in our hearts where the love of God can't penetrate.

God is around and among us, healing, restoring and calling us to new life as one body united in Christ.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11: 3-9 Kay Jones

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23 Kay Jones

Children's Message:

Be sure to email Jamie Barton your good deeds to receive a treat when are able to meet and worship together again!!!

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Message: "The First 12" Jamie Barton

Prayers of the People:

Let us pray, Heavenly Father, we give thanks for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us and we welcome this youthful movement we are embarking upon.

God You come in the power of love and justice, therefore, let us share your word with eagerness and worship with joy!

In times of darkness, in times of uncertainty, it's easy to focus on what's wrong in the world, rather than your Glory Lord.

But, many of us are struggling; we are hurting and afraid in this time of change and anxiety.

Show us our purpose God and show us how we can use our gifts to serve you, our church and our community.

It's not east to hope when times are bad. But hope has come and been made known to us in the birth of Jesus.

We ask God, that you direct our hearts, our minds & our decisions to use our gifts to better serve you and to better serve our fellow man.

We ask for healing Lord, we ask for a cure of this awful Corona Virus, but mostly Lord, we ask for guidance...guidance of how we can be a soothing, warm hand of love and contribution in times of darkness.

Allow us to shine bright Lord! Let your love shine through each of us!

We ask these things and all prayers in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer.

Lord's Prayer:

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.

Blessing:

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage, hold fast that which is good,
Render to no one evil for evil,
Strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak,
Help the afflicted,

Honor all persons.

Love and serve the Lord,

Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,

And the blessing of God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.