

Elderton Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

ACOLYTE – Braden Tutak

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship: (responsively)

O God, open thou my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" LYONS

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri – page 579

THE WORD

Anthem "Faithfully Wounded" HILLARD/STONE

Joys, Concerns and God Sightings

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

*Hymn No. 359 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" MORE LOVE TO THEE
Scripture Reading Psalm 23 (pew Bible page 485 O.T.)
John 10: 1-18 (pew Bible page 96 N.T.)

Sermon The Good Shepherd Guides Us Gregg Hartung

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed page 14

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn No.308 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: "Because He Lives" (CCLI # 3058448)

Because He Lives I can face tomorrow.

Because He Lives all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives

*Postlude

(*) Congregation Standing

We ask that all visitors please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate. We also ask that our members use this card to request other needs.

A nursery is available for your convenience located in the Adult Sunday School Room. Nursery begins after the Children's Sermon. **(for children 5 years old and younger)**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Gladys Johns & family in the loss of her husband Harry. Also, remember Dan & Senta Zelenski during this difficult time.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST CONTACT – Martha Dyott (724-801-8447)

GREETERS TODAY – Terry & Blythe Johns

GREETERS MAUNDY THURS. – Cory & Kathy Jo Scrips