



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

Prelude

***Call to Worship** (Based on "Drops In the Ocean," by Hawk Nelson) Pastor Tim

Leader: Lord, You love us just as we are, not waiting for what we ought to be!

People: Help us to lay down our guard and hear your words, "Come to Me!"

Leader: For the shame that often grips us is crippling, and it breaks Your heart!

People: Because Lord, You are for us, not against us!

Leader: Help us to know just how far Your love can go! Just how deep, how wide!

People: Help us to see how much we mean to You, and look fully at Your hands and Your side!

Leader: And if we counted all the times You have said, "You are forgiven!"

People: It's more than the drops in the ocean!

Leader: May we never settle for a substitute when You are the only Love that really changes us!

People: Help us to always see that You are for us, not against us!

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join To Sing"

UMH No. 158

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Jones

(Children are dismissed to room 12 for Children's Worship Activities)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**God of grace we thank you for being so accessible to us,
and so ready to enrich our hearts and lives.**

**Forgive us Lord, for we often hear the stories of faith,
and only see the people in them as characters
caste in a distant story long ago.**

**As we come to know you more personally,
we are awakened to the truth, that we are so much like they are.**

**We, too, are too often inhibited and enslaved
by fear, ambitions, and even greed.**

**May we not be obsessed with measuring our own moral muscles,
and instead focus upon You, You alone and You first.**

**Open our minds and hearts to trust You more fully every day,
so that we allow the Spirit of Christ**

to keep us close and intimate with Your will.

**Give life to our mortal bodies and may all that we do honor You
and your trust and gifts of generosity to us.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson	<i>Romans 8:6-11</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“Engaging the Source and Nucleus of Faith”	Pastor Tim
Anthem	“What Deep And Wondrous Love”	Chancel Choir
	<i>Arranged by Barbara Boertje</i> <i>Quoting WONDROUS LOVE, Walker’s “Southern Harmony” 1835</i> <i>And EBENEZER by Thomas J. Williams</i>	
Scripture Lesson	<i>Psalms 130</i>	John McGinley
*Affirmation of Faith		John McGinley
	<i>A Modern Affirmation—#885</i>	
Leader:	Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.	
People:	We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.	
*Song of Response	“More Love, More Power”	PraiseWorks Band
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Jesus, Messiah”	PraiseWorks Band
*Consecration of the Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Song	“I Walk By Faith”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
Postlude		

*Please join us for a time of hospitality and
passing of the peace of Christ following the service.*

(*) Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison

8:30 a.m. Worship

Ministry Opportunities

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*Opening Hymn	"Come, Christians, Join To Sing"	UMH No. 158
*Opening Prayer		Pastor Tim Page 2
Scripture Lessons	<i>Romans 8:6-11</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	"Engaging the Source and Nucleus of Faith"	Pastor Tim
Scripture Lesson	<i>Psalms 130</i>	Pastor Jim
*Affirmation of Faith		Pastor Jim <i>See Page 2</i>
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Jim
Invitation to Offering		Pastor Jim
*Consecration of the Offering		Pastor Jim
*Closing Hymn	"He Leadeth Me"	UMH No. 128
*Benediction		Pastor Tim

Please join us for a time of Fellowship and Sunday School following the service.

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Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:6-11 (NIV)

5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. 7 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life [d] because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 130 (NIV)

A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
- 2 Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
- 3 If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
- 6 I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
- 7 Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in God's name.

Welcome, one and all! Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

WELCOME, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle School Youth Group meets tonight at 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. followed by the High School Youth Group until 5:30 p.m. It's a lively group and everyone has fun. If you haven't ever come, please know you are invited to check it out!

EASTER "EGGS" TRAVAGANZA: SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Children are invited to bring their Easter baskets and take part in crafts, games, prizes, refreshments and, of course, egg hunts! Activities will occur continuously throughout the afternoon, so come as time allows. Our activities are geared for toddlers through elementary school age children. **The event is "rain or shine"! To Volunteer to help or** for additional information or directions, please contact the Melanie Jones/ at 610-869-9370, Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org

PLEASE SEE YOUR INSERT FOR INFORMATION ON ORDERING EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY, HONOR OR CELEBRATION OF A LOVED ONE,

HOLY WEEK

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA--"AMAZING LOVE!" Palm Sunday, April 2, at the 11:00 worship service. The life and ministry of Jesus is characterized by His extraordinary love for others. Our cantata-- Amazing Love! walks us down the road to the cross as we re-count the final hours of our Lord's life when He was rejected, mocked, beaten, and ultimately crucified by the very people He had come to redeem. Jesus' own words served as a foretelling of what was to come: Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13) This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10) That is truly an amazing kind of love!

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION AT 7:00 P.M. On Holy Thursday, we will host worship at 7:00 p.m. sharing communion as we remember the Last Supper and consider what Jesus has done for us, and how we respond as disciples.

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30 A.M. On this triumphant Easter morning, join us at our Sunrise Service outside in the Prayer Garden to proclaim Christ is alive!.

EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION SERVICES AT 8:30 AND 11 A.M. Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ this day

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Tom Adams
Family of Lynnea
Anderman (Pastor Tim)
Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)



Helen Carlin
Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Irma Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Nancy Duvall
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
Mike Hake (May)
Richard Heacock
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Lynn Jackson
Maria Kanno (Mullen)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)

Lenny Marten (K. Smith)
Jim May (Mullen)
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)
Rich and Joan Saller
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Linda Shiplet
Ian Smedley (Heist)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Jeannette Strewjewski
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)
Jeannie Sullivan
Family of Bob Weer (Mundell)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Jill Williams (Miller)
Ruth Wilson (May)
Kay Yates



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Idaho
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—USA
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and
gifts that impact and change
lives for Christ!*

Report from March 19, 2023

General Offering: \$ 23,630

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 90

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 16 11:00: 74 & 29

Food Pantry: zzz families on March 22-23

Food donations appreciated.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream: 8:30	Volunteers needed. Will train.
Digital Audio: 8:30	Steve May
Live-Stream: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall, Nate Robinson,
Soundbooth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. Timothy C. Anderman
	Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Jones

Today: 03/26/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 04/02/23 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Amy Castaldi / Open
Children's Worship:	Melanie Jones	Melanie Jones
SS Roamers:	Paulette Bryan	Amy Castaldi
Counters:	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens	Dick Stuhrke and Caryl Stuhrke
Lay Readers: 8:30	Open	Open
Lay Readers: 11:00	John McGinley	Open
Ushers: 8:30	K. O'Neill & F. Sullivan	K. O'Neill & F. Sullivan
Ushers: 11:00	Linda & Virgil Brown	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	Karen Hruz	Joyce Lewis
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Dick Stuhrke

***Thank you to all of our Sunday Morning Servants.
Please prayerfully consider serving on Sunday mornings.
Share your interest with the office and you will be connected with the correct person to give you information and to sign-up.***