

4th Sunday in Lent 2021

MARCH 14, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

PRESERVICE MUSIC.....*“Be Thou My Vision”*

WELCOME.....*Jim Loeffler*

INVOCATION

PRELUDE.....*“Christ Be in My Waking”*

PRAISE SONGS.....*“Life Song”*
“Lead Me to the Cross”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE*Adrianne Morton*

HYMN #451.....*“Be Thou My Vision”*

OFFERING A PRAYER OF OUR GIFTS & THANKS TO GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC.....*“Crucified with Christ”*.....*Linda Morey*

SERMON.....*Pastor Keith*

“Living the Exchanged Life, Giving My All”

Galatians 2:20; Matthew 16:24-27; Philippians 1:21

SONG OF RESPONSE.....*“Christ Be in My Waking”*

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

EXIT SONG*“How Can I Keep from Singing”*



Please
RSVP!

Save the date...**Saturday, March 27th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** With Covid restrictions still in place AND the weather in Harborcreek, PA not being the most predictable for an Easter Egg Hunt early in the Spring. . . This year, South Harborcreek UMC is organizing a drive around Easter Egg Hunt at the homes of Church members in the community. Get a map with addresses, drive to each home on the map, take pictures with their special Easter display and collect a bag of eggs and candy at each stop!

If your interested in joining us RSVP at the link below or call the church office at 899-5962 so we can have plenty of eggs to pass out for everyone!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FA9A82DA6F58-easter>

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Donations of wrapped Easter candy to fill the eggs are needed. Leave them on the table in the narthex on Sunday morning or call the church office to have someone come by and pick them up.



Pretzel
Sandwich Sale



Set your calendars for Saturday April 17 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center! SPARK one-day youth event! SHUMY youth and friends (grades 6-12) are welcome to attend. Cost is \$90 per person. Pre-registration is necessary. Let Sue Fuller know if you are interested. We are having a Pretzel Sandwich Fundraiser to defer costs of the event.

Help support the SHUMY Youth who will be attending the **SPARK** Youth Conference in Erie this year. Gary's Superette pretzel sandwiches are \$4.50 a piece. Ham and Swiss or Turkey and Provolone. Sandwiches freeze so buy in bulk! If interested, see one of our youth or contact Sue Fuller.



Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. we will be featuring a 20-minute LENTEN DEVOTIONAL with Pastor Keith called –

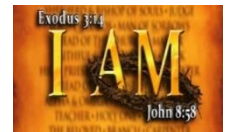
JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION

Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

March 18: "I Am the True Vine" – knowing God's power

March 25: "I Am the Way, the Truth & the Life" – knowing God's way

April 1: "I Am the Resurrection & the Life" – knowing God's possibilities



Please hit the "Like" button so that we know that you are viewing! It lets us know that you appreciate the Sunday Worship Service and Devotions. It also helps us with our attendance to know who is watching.

**Support Our
Active Military**



For our active service men and women, we thought it would be a great idea and a great honor to write them letters and messages of appreciation, support, or just send some news from their hometown (send them a newspaper or newsletter to keep them connected here at home).

BUT -- We need your help with **NAMES**. If you have a son, daughter, relative, friend, neighbor who you may think could use a warm word, news from their hometown, or a note of gratitude, contact Gordy Locke or give Barb a call at the church office or e-mail us at: SHUMHH@aol.com



With the increasing guidelines from the State of Pennsylvania we must continue to be perseverant and aware of our compliance with these rules. For the safety and well-being of **ALL** of those choosing to worship with us 'in-person' we ask that everyone who attends 'in-person' worship be aware and follow these rules:

- 1) Masks and distancing apply to **ALL** (that includes the parking lot).
- 2) Post-service lingerings and gatherings in the narthex must be avoided.
- 3) Family units with children and that reside under one roof may sit together.

Otherwise, sitting groups must be limited to no more than 4 people.



Live-streaming of the services can be seen on . . .

- ❖ www.facebook.com/southharborcreekumc
- ❖ You Tube @ south harborcreek umc

- ❖ Website: southharborcreekumc.org
- ❖ SHUMC app

SERMON TITLE: **LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE, GIVING MY ALL**

Galatians 2:20; Matthew 16:24-27; Romans 12:1

LYRICS to **"CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST"** by Phillips, Craig & Dean

As I look back on what I thought was living
I'm amazed at the price I chose to pay
And to think **I ignored what really mattered**
'Cause I thought the sacrifice would be too great

But when I finally reached the point of giving in
I found the cross was calling even then
And even though **it took dying to survive**
I've never felt so much alive

For I am crucified with Christ and yet I live
Not I, but Christ that lives within me

His Cross will never ask for more than I can give
For it's not my strength but His
There's no greater sacrifice for I am crucified with Christ
And yet I live

As I hear the Savior call for daily dying
I will bow beneath the weight of Calvary
Let my hands surrender to His piercing purpose
That holds me to the cross **YET SETS ME FREE**

I will glory in the power of the cross
The things I thought were gain now I count as loss
And with His suffering I identify
And by His resurrection power --- I AM ALIVE!

For I am crucified with Christ and yet I live
Not I but Christ that lives within me
His Cross will never ask for more -- than I can give
For it's not my strength but His
There's no greater sacrifice for I am crucified with Christ
And yet I live

And I WILL OFFER ALL I HAVE
SO THAT His cross is not in vain
For I found **to live is Christ and to die [to self] is truly gain**

For I am crucified with Christ --- And yet I live
IT IS Not I **but Christ that lives within me**

His Cross will never ask for more -- Than I can give
For it's not my strength but His---
There's no greater sacrifice
For I am crucified with Christ--- And yet I live

LIVING THE EXCHANGED LIFE, GIVING MY ALL

***"The world has yet to see what God can do with and for and thru and in one person FULLY
CONSECRATED to God."*** British Evangelist, Henry Varley to D.L. Moody, 1873

I have been crucified with Christ and I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME. The life I NOW LIVE in the
body, I live by faith in the Son of God, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME. **(Galatians 2:20)**

Then Jesus said to his disciple, WHOEVER, wants to be my disciple must:

1. DENY THEMSELVES
2. TAKE UP THEIR CROSS
3. FOLLOW ME

FOR whoever wants to save their life (soul) will NEED TO LOSE IT, BUT whoever loses their life (soul) for me
WILL FIND IT.

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, YET forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SOUL? **(Matthew 16:24-26)**

For to me, TO LIVE IS CHRIST and to die is gain. **(Philippians 1:21)**

But, whatever were gains to me I now consider as loss FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things (i.e. I have surrendered and abandoned all things) ... but I consider them garbage, SO THAT I may gain Christ AND be found in him Not because of anything I have done, BUT **only through the righteousness of Christ – the righteousness of God that comes to us only by faith in Him.** **(Philippians 3:7-9)**

Therefore, **IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST --- THE NEW CREATION HAS COME ---** The old has gone and the NEW IS HERE! **(2 Corinthians 5:17)**

ARE YOU WANTING TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU --- AND THAT GOD WILL WORK FOR YOUR BEST?

**ARE YOU WILLING & WANTING OF GOD'S BEST FOR YOU?
I MEAN --- REALLY THAT GOD WANTS YOUR BEST AND THAT GOD CAN BE TRUSTED FOR YOUR BEST?**

THEN --- I CHALLENGE YOU ... I INVITE YOU

**TO ABANDON YOURSELF ... YOUR WHOLE-SELF ...
TO SURRENDER YOURSELF ... YOUR WHOLE -SELF ...**

**TO THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE ... THE GOD OF THE BIBLE ...
WHO LOVES YOU SOOOO MUCH ...**

**TO OPEN YOURSELF AND ACCEPT:
GOD'S WAY, GOD'S WORK, and GOD'S WILL**

**WILL YOU EXCHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR
THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN YOU? (Galatians 2:20)**

THE PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK:

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen

Closing Song of Response: **Christ Be in My Waking**
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Christ be in my waking,
As the sun is rising,
In my day of working,
With me every hour.
Christ be in my resting,
As the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing,
Watching through the night.

Jesus, this is my devotion:
All my life to know You,
Every day to walk with You.
Saviour, You're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for,
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ when hope has faded,
Nothing left to cling to,
Every pleasure jaded,
Every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd
Draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert
To the streams of life.

Christ be in my thinking,
And my understanding,
Guarding me from evil,
Walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking,
Every word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving,
Grace to all who hear.

Christ be in my gladness
For the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness
Of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow,
In my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow
In the steps He trod.