

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fifth Lord's Day in Lent

BALDWIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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11.00 A.M.

March 18, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please be seated in silence)

First Organ Prelude

Moore

"By His Stripes We Are Healed"

Announcements

Second Organ Prelude

Smith

"He Is Lord"

Call to Worship

Antiphonal

Leader: The LORD is making a new covenant with the people of God.

People: Come Holy Spirit! Do a new work among us!

Leader: Christ writes the law of love on human hearts.

People: Come, Holy Spirit! Write your truth within

us.

Leader: We are children of the living God.

People: Come, Holy Spirit! Show us what it means to be your people in the world.

HIS LIGHT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS

***Hymn**

#339

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***Prayer of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you

L: Let us pray.

Leader: Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

***Call to Confession**

Let us ponder for a moment where our fear of change may be causing us to resist God moving in our lives.

***Prayer of Confession**

Unison

Holy God, forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. We know that the life we cling to is only a

half-life, and that only you can give us true life in full. Yet we fear of the pain of your inscribing yourself upon our souls, for it will also mean the forgetting of ourselves. Overcome us dear God, and teach us to let go of our agendas and assumptions. Encourage and strengthen us to trust you more completely and teach us by your Spirit to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray saying: "Our Father.....Amen."

***Individual Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying: *"I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrongdoing and remember your sins no more."*

Thanks be to God!

The Gloria Patri

#546

The Peace

Offertory

Batiste

"In The Peaceful Garden"

***Organ Response**

#552

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

#544

***Hymn**

#243

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

HIS LIGHT GRANTS US VISION

Prayer of Illumination **Unison**
*O Love of God, dwell in the soul that longs to be
your temple. Come now, Come, Sacred Spirit; come,
and fit me to receive you. Amen.*

First Reading Pew Bible pg.735

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading Pew Bible pg.220

Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg.106

John 12:20-33

Sermon **Dr. Walkup**

“Alt-Glory”

Affirmation of Faith **Apostles’ Creed**

Hymnal pg. 12; using “Holy Spirit”

Prayer of the People

WE BEAR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

***Hymn** **#307**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***Charge and Blessing**



If you would like to order an **Easter Lily** in honor or in memory of a loved one, the deadline is **Sunday, March 18th**. Lilies will be ordered from **Terry's Florist, Caste Village**. Complete the order form and place on the offering plate or return to the office. **Thank you.**



Join us for our Devotional Series for Lent each Wednesday at 7:00 PM. The next devotion is Wednesday, **March 21st "On The Other Side."**

LENT

The **Deacons** will be hosting a **Lenten dinner** on **March 21 at 6:00 PM**. The dinner will be **chicken, macaroni and cheese, vegetable and beverages**. The cost is **\$7.00** and the **Lenten Devotions** will **immediately follow the dinner**. **Deadline for reservations are Sunday, March 18th**.

The Devotional Series For Lent are:

February 28	Unmasking Powers & Principalities	-7 PM
March 7	Conscience & Complicity-	7 PM
March 14	Understanding & Faith	- 7 PM
March 21	On the Other Side	-7 PM