



## Church of the Apostles UCC

*3<sup>d</sup> Sunday in Lent – March 8, 2026*

*10 AM In-Person & Online Worship*

### Welcome!

“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” More than words, we are all here because of God’s love, grace, and mercy. This is a community united by the honesty of our shared brokenness and the healing we receive through Christ.

**Get Connected:** Use a Welcome Card to share your presence and prayer requests with us. To get more connected, signup online for the “Weekly Announcements” and “Crown Newsletter,” like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, give us a call, or send an email. It is our joy to know you!

**Children:** There are toys and activity bags for children in the Children’s Corner for use, as children are always welcome to remain in worship.

**Connection Cards:** We ask that all worshippers complete a “Connection Card” located in the pew rack near you. This allows us to know who was with us. They can also be used to give prayer requests or suggestions. These may be placed in the offering plates which will be passed following the sermon.

**First-Time Guests:** After worship, please visit our Welcome Center, where a congregation member will be available to answer your questions and provide a packet of information about our church. This is also where you’ll receive a connection card to fill out, helping us stay connected with you!

**Offerings:** Any physical offerings you have brought can be placed in the offering plates which we will pass following the sermon. Electronic gifts may be given through the QR code on the bulletin or the one on a slip in the pew rack. Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give.

**Restrooms:** Are available in the hallway to your left when you exit the sanctuary.

**Electronic Devices:** Remember to silence your device during worship. Wi-Fi is provided through "VisitorWifi." No password is needed.

**You are a blessing:** Let us know how we might better partner with you in this journey of faith and life. If you have thoughts, recommendations, or simply would like to join in prayer, we would love to hear from you!

## Selected Scripture Readings

John 4:5-30

## Worship Leaders

Minister – All Members  
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn  
Seminary Intern – Deklan Lewis  
Greeter – Dot Lippart  
Reader – Barbara Achtermann  
Ushers – Jane McCartney,  
Bonnie Medved and Marty Holmes  
Special Music – Bell Choir  
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger

Praise Band Director – Nathan Sheffer  
Drums – Nathan Moore  
Bass – Charli Schultz  
Guitar - Ben Young  
Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker,  
Apostles Adult Choir  
Streaming – Jaben Jury  
Sound – Bill Stock  
Projection – Luci Stoltzfus

## Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship

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## Order of Worship

### We Gather in Your Presence

**Gathering Music:** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" – arr. Krug

**Focus Scripture:** *Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." - Matthew 4:8-9*

## **Welcome**

### **The Invitation**

#### **Prayer**

**All:** Merciful God, we come before you knowing that change must happen in our lives. But at times facing those changes feels overwhelming. We feel the external expectations that distract and draw us into less important pursuits. Guide us, O God, in the ways of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

*(Please rise in body and/or spirit.)*

**Song: "Fill My Cup" (Book # CCLI)**

Verse 1

**Been walkin' to a city I cannot see - Through the depths of the valley  
Where the sun can't reach - I've been high I've been low  
I've been looking for the river - That could fill my soul  
Been walkin' to a city I cannot see**

Chorus

**Fill my cup Lord - Run it over  
Give me love give me joy - Give me peace  
Fill my cup Lord - Run it over  
I am Your child in need  
Lord I need You to fill my cup**

Interlude

**Fill my cup - Fill my cup - Fill my cup - Fill my cup**

Verse 2

**Been walkin' over lies standin' in my way  
They can say what they want, I don't want what they say  
I was born far from home  
But I've been thriving in the wonder of the great unknown  
'Cause I'm drinking from a well from another place**

Chorus

**Fill my cup Lord - Run it over  
Give me love give me joy, Give me peace**

**Fill my cup Lord - Run it over  
I am Your child in need  
Lord I need You to fill my cup**

Interlude

**Fill my cup - Fill my cup - Fill my cup - Fill my cup**

Bridge

**Fill my house up with hope - Fill my plans up with purpose  
Fill my wounds up with healing - Lord I need You to fill my cup  
Fill my days up with meaning - Fill my future with vision  
Goodness grace and provision  
Lord I need You to fill my cup**

Verse 3

**(And when I) get to that city I cannot see  
I'll know that even this valley was a golden stream**

Chorus

**Fill my cup Lord - Run it over  
Give me love give me joy - Give me peace  
Fill my cup Lord - Run it over  
I am Your child in need  
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*(Please be seated)*

**Remembering Who We Are**

**All: Have mercy on me, O Gracious One, according to your steadfast love.  
According to your abundant kindness, forgive me where my thoughts  
and deeds have hurt others. Lead me in the paths of justice, guide my  
steps on paths of peace.**

Song: "Create in Me" (Chalice #519)

Unison

Cre- ate in

me a new heart, so that I'll give you more than part of this, the

life you've giv-en me, cre- ate in me a new heart, then will I

teach, and oth-ers know, and I will learn, my faith will grow. With you I

can cre- ate new dreams, with you I can change less-er schemes, O God, new

joy and a new start! Cre-ate in me a new heart.

**Remembering Who God Is**  
**Song: "More Love, More Power" (Book # CCLI)**

**Gm** **Ebmaj7**  
 More love, — more pow-er,

**Dm7** **Gm** **Dm7(4)**  
 more of You — in my — life. —

**Gm** **Ebmaj7**  
 More love, — more pow-er,

**Dm7** **Gm**  
 more of You — in my — life. And I will wor-ship

**Cm** **Gm**  
 You with all of my heart. — And I will wor-ship

**Cm** **Gm**  
 You with all of my mind. — And I will wor-ship

Cm Gm  
 You with all of my strength, — for You are my Lord, —

Ebmaj<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> | 1. Gm F/G  
 You are my Lord.

| 2. Gm<sup>2</sup>  
 You are my Lord.

### Children's Time

## We Listen for Your Word

**Scripture Reading:** John 4:5-30 (Pew Bible, NT p. 94)

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Contemporary Words:** "Valuable Conversations"  
 What is the meaning of life?

## We Respond to Your Word

### Generosity Moment

**Special Music:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" – arr. Krug

### Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer

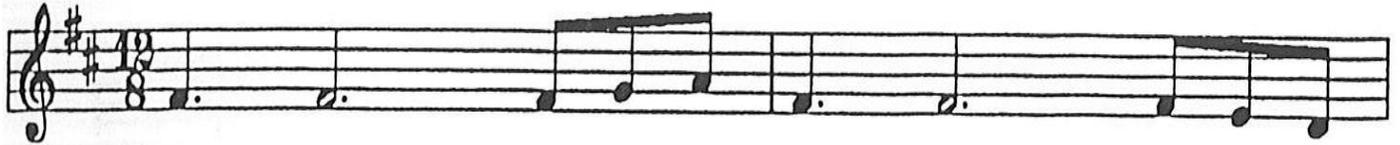
*(Believing in God's truth, we open ourselves as God's servants through prayer.)*

**All:** 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

# Returning to the World

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

Song: "Jesus Name Above All Names"



1. Je - sus, Name a - bove all names; beau - ti - ful  
2. I Am, Light of the Gen - tiles, Lord God Al -  
3. Lil - y of \_\_\_\_\_ the Val - ley, Son \_\_\_\_\_ of  
4. Je - sus, our In - ter - ces - sor, prom - ised Mes -



Sav - iour, glo - ri - ous Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, God \_\_\_\_\_ is  
might - ty, Prince \_\_\_\_\_ of Peace, \_\_\_\_\_ El Shad - dai, God is Suf -  
Da - vid, Rose \_\_\_\_\_ of Shar - on, \_\_\_\_\_ the Al - - pha and \_\_\_\_\_ O -  
si - ah, Bread \_\_\_\_\_ of Life, \_\_\_\_\_ the Giv - er of Liv - ing



with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.  
fi - cient, Shep - herd of Sin - ners, King \_\_\_\_\_ of Kings.  
me - ga, Seed \_\_\_\_\_ of Jes - se, Morn - ing Star.  
Wa - ter, might - y Bap - tiz - er, Son \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

## Benediction

**All:** God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

## Announcements

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: You are not alone.

**All:** You are not alone.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## **Sending Music: “How Beautiful” - Twila Paris**

*Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless following Jesus’ example!*

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### **Give Online Through Realm**



*Or Text ‘COA’ to 73256 with the amount you want to give*

### **Prayers of Joy and Concern**

(as of printing on 3/4/2026)

Joys: Liz Daniels Healing; Kevin & Jean; The Hess’s New Grandchild.

Concerns: Pat DiDomenico; Kit’s Brother, Jerry; Colton Eller; Michele Wherley’s Mother; Those who passed in the California Avalanche; Ellen Schellenberger; Family & Friends of Doug Nutt; Peace in the World; Friends & Family of Audrey Markle’s Niece, Marie.

Our Compassion Team members are available by calling (717) 475-5285.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email [office@apostlesucc.org](mailto:office@apostlesucc.org)  
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

### **APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** – Our Annual Garage Sale is happening April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, and we need your help to make it a success! Proceeds support the ministries of COA. You can help by donating items (April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>), assisting with sorting and pricing, contributing food for sale, cashiering during the sale, or simply shopping and spreading the word! Every effort makes a difference both locally and beyond. To get involved, contact Cindy Williams (717-714-0716) for sorting, Doris Robb (717-203-5154) for cashiering, or sign up in the Narthex for food donations. Let’s make this sale a success!

**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS** – Honor a loved one this Easter by sponsoring a memorial flower to adorn our beautiful sanctuary on Easter morning. Forms are available on the back of the bulletin or the welcome table in the Narthex. Please return completed forms with payment to the church office by March 30th. Thank you for helping us celebrate the joy of Easter.

**EASTER EGG CANDY COLLECTION** – Church of the Apostles is partnering with the American Cancer Society for this year’s Easter celebration, and we need your help. From February 15 to March 15, we will be collecting small wrapped candy donations to fill Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt. Please place donations in the marked bin in the narthex by the outreach bulletin board.

**MARCH MOCKTAILS & MEANING™**– Be part of our March Mocktails & Meaning™



gathering as we welcome Dr. Oliver Dreon, Professor of Educational Foundations at Millersville University, for a timely conversation on Artificial Intelligence in Education. Together, we’ll explore the opportunities, challenges, and big questions AI is raising for students and educators alike. We’ll be sipping a refreshing Pineapple and Cucumber Juice mocktail while we engage this important topic, with time set aside for questions and discussion. Register by scanning the QR Code now.

**MARCH INCLUSIVE CHURCH FOCUS** – March’s Inclusive Church focus invites us to celebrate Women’s History Month and honor the countless ways women have shaped Church of the Apostles, our community, and our world. From clergy and lay leaders who have guided decisions, to those who taught our children, organized ministries, and offered care in quiet, faithful ways, women have long been a steady and creative force in the life of COA. We invite you to take time this month to explore the names of the women who have helped make COA what it is today, displayed in the Narthex. To learn more, explore the Q&A cards in the Narthex or visit [apostlesucc.org/inclusive-refuge](https://apostlesucc.org/inclusive-refuge).

**ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS** – Faith can come with big questions, and you’re not alone. Join our new monthly series, Asking the Hard Questions, with seminary intern Deklan Lewis as we explore doubt, belief, and faithful wrestling together. Meeting on the last Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10 AM & Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE** – Our Where Welcome Grows: 50-Year Renewal campaign is underway! Together, we’ve already raised \$230,130.86 toward our new \$300,000 goal. Due to rising project costs, we’ve increased our campaign goal to ensure we can fully complete the planned renovations. We’re excited to share that we’re preparing to begin renovations in late May. Learn more by visiting the display in the Narthex, online at [apostlesucc.org/wherewelcomegrows](https://apostlesucc.org/wherewelcomegrows), or by emailing Melissa Kosman at [admin@apostlesucc.org](mailto:admin@apostlesucc.org)



## *Easter Memorial Flowers Order Form*

Attached is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for Easter decorations and flowers.

Presented by:

\_\_\_\_\_

'In Memory Of" or "In Honor of"  
(Circle One)

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Please Return this completed form to the office or  
place in the offering plates on Sunday