

**Order of Worship**  
**March 1, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Announcements and Prelude

The word LENT is from an Old English form of LONG, as it is a long season of spiritual preparation for Easter – 40 days, not counting Sundays. It is a time of self-examination, self-denial, repentance; prayer, fasting, alms; following Jesus.

Call to Worship – From Isaiah 55:1-7

Come, you who are thirsty, come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

***Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labor on what does not satisfy?***

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

***Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.***

Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

***Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.***

Hymn            *There is a Fountain (stanzas 1, 3, 5)*            #622

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Responsive Reading – From 2 Kings 5:1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

***Then Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."***

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not the rivers of Damascus better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

***Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.***

Gloria Patri (#70) and Apostles' Creed (#881)

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Collect all the money that is brought as  
sacred offerings to the temple of the Lord ...

**2 Kings 12:4**

Doxology (#95) and Prayer

Scripture                                John 9:1-7

Sermon

**Gateway Miracle to the Lenten Season:**  
**Humble Means, Heavenly Results**

***Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva ...  
So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.  
John 9:6-7***

Hymn            *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee (stanzas 1-3)*            #623

Holy Communion

Hymn            *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee (stanzas 4-5)*            #623

Benediction

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**Bible Study & Prayer Groups**

10:00 am Mondays at Jean Christman's  
10:00 am Wednesdays at Poplar Valley Social Hall

**Community Lenten Service**

7:00 p.m. This Wednesday, March 4 at Faith UMC  
1160 Clause Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
The Suffering and Glory of the Servant – Isaiah 52:13-15

**North District Tools for Ministry Training**

8:30am-12:45pm Sat, March 7 – Asbury UMC Allentown  
See Back Page for Schedule of Workshops  
Visit our Church Website for Brochure to Register

**Cherry Valley U.M.W. Ham Dinner**

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, String Beans, Lettuce with  
Bacon Dressing, Bread & Butter, Coffee or Tea and Dessert  
Adults \$10.00, Children 5-12 \$5.00, under 5 free – For tickets call  
Miriam Lambert 570-629-2884 or Jean Christman 570-629-5711

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