**PPH, CRESCENTVILLE & FRANKFORD MEMORIAL UMC**

**Midweek Lenten Vespers, March 8, 6:30pm**

PPH Chapel, In-House Channel 5, and Facebook Live-stream

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**OPENING CALL AND RESPONSE** (Rom 8:38-39; 1 Jn 4:18a; Heb 13:2; Isa 41:10)

**RESPONSE**  ***My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine***

**(ALL) *For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.***

***My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;***

***If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.***

ONE: The Lord says, “I am the God of your ancestors.

I have indeed seen the misery of my people.

**ALL: So I have come down to rescue them.**

**And to bring them into a good and spacious land.”(↑RESPONSE↑)**

ONE: O Lord almighty, we look to Zion, to your promise of restoration of

Shalom.

**ALL: Empower us to help bring about your kingdom here and now. (↑RESPONSE↑)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Together)

**God who joins us in our pain,**

**We confess that in the church we have little theology for anger, sadness, waiting and depression. We find ways to ignore our pain when pain is telling us something important. We jump to the conclusion, “God’s working all things for good! I just can’t see it all yet!” Remind us that our forebears in the Bible were in touch with their pain. Remind us that two-thirds of the psalms are laments, complaints to God. Remind us that even you grieved in Genesis for having created us. Remind us, also, that even you entered into pain and suffering of human experience. Help us to recognize our pain. Help us to strengthen our sense of community when we hurt. Help us to make sense together what it means for us to follow you on this journey to the cross. Amen. (Silence is kept.)**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**CHORUS OF THANKSGIVING** *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Job 3:3-4; 6:2-4

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION “How We Respond to Pain”** Rev. Peter Ahn

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**(For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.) Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** *“The Old Rugged Cross”*

1. On a hill far away stood and old rugged cross,

the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross

where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

***Refrain:* So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
 I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

1. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
   has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear lamb of God  
   left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. (**↑***Refrain***↑**)
2. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
   a wondrous beauty I see, for ‘twas on that old cross  
   Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. (**↑***Refrain***↑**)
3. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,   
   its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He’ll call me some day  
   to my home far away, where His glory forever I’ll share. (**↑***Refrain***↑**)

**BENEDICTION**