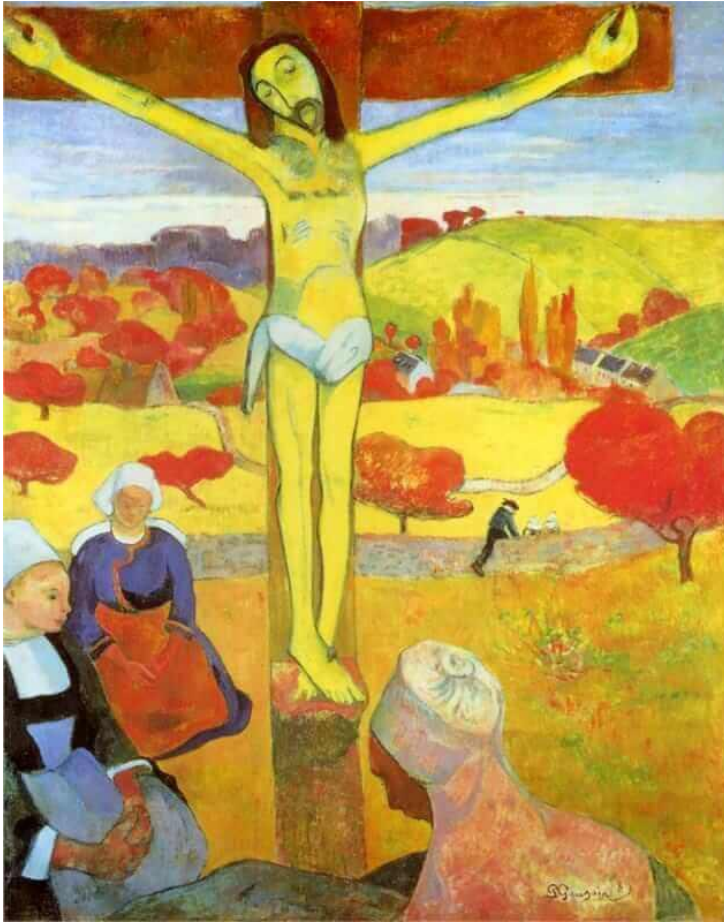


**Lansdale United Methodist Church  
March 14, 2021**



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# Fourth Sunday in Lent

## 9:00 a.m. LiveStream Worship Service

**Pre-Service Music**

Ruth Rineer

**Greeting and Welcome / Celebrating Black History**

Pastor Bill Lentz

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**Audio Prelude**

From *Elijah – If with All of Your Hearts*

Mendelssohn

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Song**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer, Wayne Wylie, and Zoeh John

**Readings**

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107: 1-9, 33-43; Mark 15:21-32

**Sermon**

*Crossed Purposes*

**Song**

*May the Mind of Christ*

**Call to Generosity and Prayers**

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**Song**

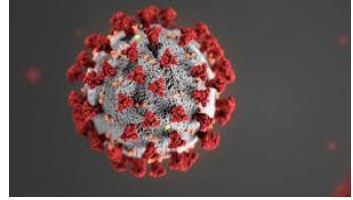
*My Savior First of All*

**Farewell and Blessing**

**Audio Postlude**

*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

## **UPDATED! – COVID-19 STATUS – NEW! Cases Beginning to Plateau!**



On **Tuesday, March 9th**, Montco's rate of new coronavirus cases inched up to 114 per 100,000 residents, a modest decline of 2% over the last 14 days. A plateau may be developing. Hospitalizations remain down, and the number of deaths (55 in 14 days) remains a source of sadness. The test positivity rate has declined to 5%, the recommended minimum rate, giving hope that the virus is tamping down. The county is still listed at "very high risk" based on per capita cases and test positivity, according to Commonwealth and Montco health authorities. The White House Coronavirus Task Force lists Montco in "phase yellow." Therefore, caution is still the best course to follow for now. We're inching closer to a limited return to in-person worship. Until then, LUMC will remain in its current status of restricted opening for LiveStream worship and other approved uses. The numbers must continue moving in the right direction! Vaccinations are essential to help that happen! Be in prayer as we close in on a full year of the pandemic emergency.



**Zoom Bible Studies in Lent Continue!** You can join your congregation, friends, and Pastor Bill at two Zoom Bible Studies each week during Lent. The **Tuesday mornings** at 10:00 a.m. gathering will remain as a study of the appointed lectionary readings for each of the Tuesdays in Lent. On

**Thursday evenings** at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, Pastor Bill will lead a **Lenten Bible Study** called *Behold the Lamb, Behold the Man*, a biblical and theological examination of the *Lamb of God* title for Jesus used in the New testament. Make the studies a spiritual practice to help you practice the means of grace during the seasons of Lent and Easter. We hope you join in! Use these Zoom Meeting links to access the studies!

### **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

<https://zoom.us/j/96861616463?pwd=dIU2OHFjUnFIOFJjNnNCU1htK2pmZz09>

Password: 020706

### **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.**

<https://zoom.us/j/96541778998?pwd=RGlsQkhtanZaQ3lVSjFOb2oza3VYdz09>

Password: 014790

## Tune-In on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.!



The Lansdale UMC Children's Ministry is on Facebook!! Watch Miss Liz LiveStream Sunday School each Sunday after worship, around 10:00 a.m., on this page. She also posts interesting items for our children to watch, read, and do throughout the week.



**LiveStream Worship on Facebook Live and the YouTube Channel!  
Listen Anytime on the Website at [www.lansdaleumc.org](http://www.lansdaleumc.org)!  
Click "Worship" on the Navigation Bar!**



### How to Contact Us!

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## ***Happy Birthday to You!***

Christina Moses (3/7)	Warren Shaedle (3/7)	Roger Ranck (3/9)
Megan Duffy (3/10)	Jeannie Kohler (3/12)	Megan Neild (3/12)
Jim Dietterich (3/13)	Joan Johnson (3/14)	Noreen Hofmann (3/15)
Brian Kalisky (3/15)	Allison Williams (3/15)	Mitch Nickerson (3/18)
Colby Weiss (3/18)	Kerri Johnson (3/22)	Holly Kennedy (3/22)
Sharon Gerhart (3/23)	Krystal Dreamer (3/24)	Katie Murray (3/24)
Ben Kalisky (3/26)	Judy Mills (3/26)	Peter Noll (3/27)

## ***Happy Anniversary to You!***

Kimberly & Michael Paris (3/8)

Susan & Tony Fischer (3/17)



**March's Mission Emphasis – UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)**—UMCOR Sunday falls this year on March 14. Your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days.

Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. You can support *March's Mission Emphasis* in 3 easy ways: Snail mail your check payable to LUMC with the memo line: "UMCOR Sunday" and put it in your Blue Envelope. You can go online safely and securely at [www.lansdaleumc.org/giving](http://www.lansdaleumc.org/giving) to make a contribution today. Click the "Giving" dropdown menu and search for *UMCOR*. Or, you can send a text message of your gift to 73256 with the message "LansdaleFirstUMC." Thank you for your generous support!



## **News! Pastor Stew Warner Appointed!**

On July 1, 2021, Lansdale UMC will welcome our new pastor, Steward Warner from Salem UMC in Orwigsburg, PA. Pastor Warner began serving Salem UMC on July 1, 2015. He is an ordained elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. He is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and received his M. Div. from United Theological Seminary.

Pastor Warner served as the EPA Youth Coordinator from 1990-1998 and as the Northeast Jurisdictional Youth Coordinator from 1991-1993. He has written youth ministry articles and curriculum for the UM Publishing house. He has been featured as a keynote speaker around the country for various churches and events. He served as both a member and then Chair of the Camp and Retreat Board for the Eastern PA Conference and has a strong belief in commitment to Christian Camping. He is a certified Re-Think Church trainer.

Pastor Warner is very active in reaching out to and engaging the communities in which he serves. He has been active in service clubs such as Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lion's over the years. He founded Non-Violence week and developed a Day Camp for children in the city of Reading. He has also served on several community boards and is a graduate of Leadership Lebanon and Leadership Berks programs. He Worked in the corporate world for a time as a Project Manager for Strategic Development for a major Pharmaceutical Distributor, working with leaders of the company to determine the future and direction of the company.

Pastor Warner (Stew) is the father of two grown and married daughters, Jamie & Toni, along with four grandchildren in the Horsham and Jenkintown areas. He is an avid motorcycle rider. You will see him regularly riding his Yamaha Super Tenere around town. He takes an annual motorcycle trip the end of June and beginning of July every year. He also enjoys photography, hiking, and kayaking.





# **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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**Audio Prelude**

From the *Requiem – In Paradisum*

Fauré

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**Song**

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Rays Koshy, Ruth Rineer, Wayne Wylie, and Zoeh John

**Readings**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; Mark 15:33-41

**Sermon**

*Dying in the Dark*

**Song**

*The Old Rugged Cross*

**Call to Generosity and Prayers**

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**Song**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**Farewell and Blessing**

**Audio Postlude**

*Man of Sorrows*

Hillsong

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