

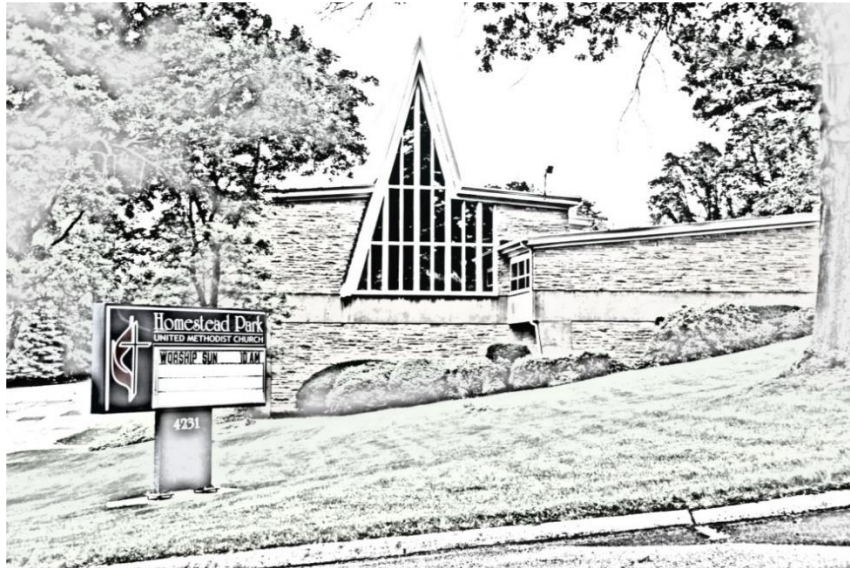


**March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Message  
The Newness of Jesus!**

**Scripture:  
Matthew 9: 1-17 NIV**



*Our Mission*

*The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### HOMESTEAD PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 21, 2021 10:00 am Worship

Pastor Don Kephart ~ Bo Collins, Music Director

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life.

When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion and peace.

In the name of Jesus, your Anointed One, we pray. Amen.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Pastor: We gather as God's people in a world divided and distressed.

**People: Yet we gather as one people, united by God.**

Pastor: We gather as God's people, journeying to Jerusalem.

**People: Yet we gather as one people, steadfastly traveling forward together.**

Pastor: We gather as God's people, frightened by whirlpools of worry which spin us out of control.

**All: Yet we gather as one people following in the unfailing steps of Jesus the Christ, whose name we praise.**

\* Please stand as you are able.



**SONGS OF PRAISE**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory  
Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

**OUR TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**SCRIPTURE**            **Matthew 9: 1-17 NIV**

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**MESSAGE**            **The Newness of Jesus!**

Pastor Don

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**

# 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**BENEDICTION**

*Worship for today is over, but your service to God for the week is just beginning.*

## *Our Scripture*

### **Matthew 9: 1-17 NIV**

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. <sup>2</sup> Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>3</sup> At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”

<sup>4</sup> Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? <sup>5</sup> Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? <sup>6</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>7</sup> Then the man got up and went home. <sup>8</sup> When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

<sup>14</sup> Then John’s disciples came and asked him, “How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

<sup>16</sup> “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. <sup>17</sup> Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”



## Calendar of Events

Today	10 am	Worship Service
Tuesday 03/23/2021	7 pm	Tuesday In the "Word" Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Wednesday 03/24/2021	6 pm	Church Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Saturday 03/27/2021	10 am	Homeless Lunch Prep

### Easter Flower Sale

Orders due by **03/26/2021** and will be delivered on **04/04/21**

Single Lily - \$10.00

Mini Daffodil - \$5.00

Pansy (Assorted Colors) - \$5.00

Flower Offering Envelopes are available in the back of the Sanctuary.



## and Important Dates

Sunday 03/28/2021	Homeless Lunch Delivery
Thursday 04/01/2021	Maundy Thursday Observation from 4-6 pm in sanctuary. Communion will be offered.
Wednesday 04/07/2021	6 pm Trustee Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**Please remember to wear a mask or some other kind of appropriate barrier when you are in the church building with other persons.**

### A Note from Pastor Don

Members and Friends, Please contact me directly by cell phone text or email if you need to speak with me. My contact information is located in the bulletin as well as on the business cards in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you.



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### Holy Communion Schedule

Holy Communion will be held on the **first Sunday of February, June, August, October, and December**, as well as on **Maundy Thursday**.