

A photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground is dominated by red sand dunes with distinct, wavy, parallel ridges and shadows, creating a rhythmic pattern. In the background, a rugged, eroded cliff formation with several tall, thin rock spires stands against a clear, deep blue sky. A small, bright white object, possibly a moon or a star, is visible in the upper left portion of the sky. The overall scene is captured in a cinematic, high-contrast style.

I WILL
MAKE A WAY
IN THE
WILDERNESS

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

*"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring
worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."*

Matthew 6:34

8:30 a.m.

April 1, 2001

11:00 a.m.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE TO WORSHIP

8:30 Worship

Larry Holcomb, organ

11:00 Worship

Donald Metzler, organ

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The Acolytes

♣HYMNS

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 98

♣CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is something more

People: **Or something missing**

Leader: That sends us searching in the dark,

People: **Looking for answers,**

Leader: Risking a question.

People: **We are drawn here**

Leader: Because God touched us,

People: **Gave us hope,**

Leader: Whispered our name.

People: **Here in this place,**

Leader: We journey toward grace

People: **And know the "something more"**

Leader: Is revealed in the love of Jesus' face.

♣PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all)

Awesome and challenging God, hold us close for this moment, so that with your support we might look deep within and let your healing light purify our darkness. Only in your grasp can we face our struggles--our frantic pursuit of busyness; the ease with which we tolerate the troubles and inequities of our divided society; the acceptance of bottom-line thinking as the final word; the fear of differences that keeps us from receiving gifts of others; our reluctance to get involved. Holy and disturbing God, keep us close to the cross and let us experience your transforming love that turned a sorrowful Friday into an Easter hope. Renew our hearts, refashion our lives and revive our spirits. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

OUR SACRIFICES OF LOVE WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

♣The Doxology

♣Congregational Prayer

People: If fear of the unknown is getting in the way of our giving to you, enlighten us.

Let us know what we need to know. And let new knowledge result in new gifts. Amen.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY: Calvary Chancel Choir has joined Good Shepherd Church Chancel Choir; Clifford Kerns, Laura Bethel, Jeff Mathews, Becky Ohlinger and Jerry Voss of the Pickaway Brass; Tympani: Chris Nance; Bells: Heather McVey and Brenda Johnson; Banner Carriers: Cody, Jessica and Carey Williams; Suspended Cymbal: Ray Nance; Gary Dean, the Director; and Mary Jane Dean at the organ.

JESUS VIDEO FOLLOW-UP ...now underway....we are called to go out 2 by 2 to invite our neighbors to church... will you be one to go?

SCHEDULED MEETINGS...Mary Circle, Monday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m., program by Sue Roan - - Esther Circle at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11th

Philippians 2

1 Try to think like Jesus, who, though he was just the same as God, was willing to empty himself . . .

2 He was born as a man and became a servant . . .

3 He was humble and obedient to God . . .

4 even to the point of death . . .

5 . . . on a cross.

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Therefore, God has lifted him up and given him a name above all others. Everyone will one day worship him and . . .

Find your way through this maze, making each stop in order.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

9 AM 12 PM 3 PM 6 PM 9 PM

A Day of Prayer

You are invited to join thousands across the State of Ohio in praying for our children. Pray for our state legislators as they seek to find the best solutions for our children's education and well being. Use the following scriptures and prayer, or other resources throughout the day on Monday of Holy Week.

Micah 6:6-8 Vs. 8 — "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Matthew 19:13-15 Vs. 14 — "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Prayer: O Holy One, you know our thoughts and concerns. Today we pray for Ohio's children and lawmakers. We remember children who ride buses to school and those who walk. We remember children who are hungry and those who don't have a place to sleep. Lord, we ask you to protect our children. May the Holy Spirit guide our lawmakers. Please give them the gifts of wisdom, discernment and courage as they make decisions that shape the future of Ohio's children. Amen.

EASTER GOALS

	Goal	Goal Received
The Flock	\$ 1,000.00	
United Methodist Women	500.00	
Innerlight Sunday School Class	300.00	
Harper Bible Class	300.00	
Faithful Friends	200.00	
Choir	150.00	
Youth Fellowship	50.00	
Total	\$ 2,500.00	

EASTER OFFERING GOALS AND ENVELOPES WILL BE USED FOR 90% BUILDING FUND DEBT RETIREMENT AND 10% FOR APPORTIONMENTS. GOALS WILL BE RECEIVED **TODAY**.

DONATIONS NEEDED...the Children's Department is in need of the following for

their Easter Party on April 8th at 4 P.M.:

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| Jugs of juice | 4 doz. boiled eggs | Plastic eggs |
| Treats to stuff eggs | Candy | 4 doz. cupcakes |
| Ice Cream | Ice Cream cones | Icing |

GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE? ...any high school senior who is an active member of any Church and planning to attend an institution of higher education for the 2001-2002 school year qualifies. Write a story, essay, poem, etc of 1200 words or less on the theme: "It's Okay to be Alcohol and Drug Free". Entries will be judged on basis of excellence of content, originality of thought, clarity of expressions, punctuation and grammar, as well as the author's commitment toward abstinence, and you could win a \$300, \$200 or \$100 scholarship! **DEADLINE IS MAY 001.** Applications can be picked up at the church office or Rev. Perkins will be able to answer any questions that you might have .

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY...have you received your copy yet? We still have a supply and you may pick up your copy in the church office or they are available at the entrance doors to the church sanctuary on Sunday morning.

THANKS TO ALL...who pledged money for Pastor Dinger's Jail 'n Bail project. You can make checks payable to "MDA" and put them in the offering plate or bring them to the office.

CLOTHING CENTER... Good Shepherd Church will be distributing clothing on Wednesday, April 11th from 9 AM to 12 noon.

THE FLOCK- UPCOMING EVENTS

As we told you recently, The Flock has several events coming up. We will be selling/providing food at the following functions:

- April 5 Auction 9:30 A.M.-Grange Building at Fairgrounds
- April 7 Auction
- April 15 Help with Easter Sunrise breakfast
- April 23 Republican Women's Luncheon - Service Center
- April 27/28 Auction
- May 5 Walnut Township Alumni Banquet (repeat performance)
- May 7 Meeting 5:30 P.M. - Goodwin's
- May 8 Eastern Star Inspection refreshments
- June 1 8 A.M. - ?? - Annual Pork Tenderloin/Yard Sale

The Flock also donates their time and food for Bereavement lunches or dinners requested by church families. We appreciate everyone's help in the past and look forward to an exciting year ahead. If you can help with any of the above, whether it be your time or the donation of pies/cakes/cookies/brownies for our sales or yard sale items, please contact the following:

Yard Sale items - Dixie Watters, 474-6477 - Orville Jacobs, 474-6449

Pies/Cakes/Etc. - Rosalie Crabtree, 474-4097 (we need at least 10 items per auction/luncheon - much more for the banquet!)

Your Time - Carolyn Brooks, 474-6815 - Cindi Lutz, 474-3418

!We need lots of people for the Alumni Banquet!

If anyone would like to participate in any of our camaraderie, please feel free to join us at any of our functions. We have a lot of fun and all the money we raise goes to the church to help with maintenance or other financial church needs.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM... Hayden Christopher Mohr son of Christopher and Lori Mohr

Maternal Grandparents: David and Mary Redmond

Paternal Grandmother: Teresa Conroy

Paternal Grandparents: David and Kathryn Mohr

Maternal Great Grandparents: Leonard and Sena Redmond

Paternal Great Grandparent: Ann Conroy

Paternal Great Grandparent: Josephine Mohr

ANTHEM - (8:30 a.m.)
(11:00 a.m.)

"Give It Away"
"Worthy Is The Lamb"

Joy Choir
Chancel Choir

Ecclesiastes 5:12; I Peter 5:6-7

SCRIPTURE

WORRY

Opening Words, Playlet, Prayer, Song Service - *"He Has Made Me Glad," "Awesome God," "In His Time," "You Are My Hiding Place"* - Featured Music, Sermon, Song of Commitment - *"Cares Chorus"*

♣CLOSING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 369

BENEDICTION

♣POSTLUDE

♣The congregation is invited to stand Music reproduced in today's bulletin used by permission/AAR CCLI No. 1454666

ACOLYTES 8:30 **Jenny Scherer & Abbey Scherer**

GREETERS 8:30 **Bob & Connie Tootle**

11:00 **Bennie & Jan Huffer**

USHERS

8:30 **Jerry Winfough, Jack McGuire, Bob Wolford, Jerry Wolford, Asa Elsea, Larry Schieber, Rodger Southward, Don Poling, Austin Kleon**

11:00 **Bill Stout, Harold Hewitt, Hewitt Harmount, Dave Dawson, Lynn Chrismer, Roger May, Steve Riffle, Rick Seeds, Larry Ghearing**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of George Huskey's 75th birthday. Happy birthday, George!!

THE WHITE ROSE ON THE ALTAR expresses our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Goldschmidt, who passed away on March 25th.

THE MAJOR RECIPIENT of the Easter and Lent offerings this year will be the Emergency Clearinghouse, which helps local residents in need of medicine, food, housing, utilities, etc.

MISSION TO MEXICO STOCK: Buy a "share" of our ministry! Mission Trip Stock will be sold after each service through the end of May. Each share is \$10.00 and each shareholder is invited to attend a post-mission trip program to be held the evening of July 18, 2001. This program will include a light meal and a report about the trip.

ANGEL UPDATE - Our angel family, Donna and her family, are still looking for suitable, affordable housing in Pickaway County. If you know of any prospects, please contact Diane Sutton at 474-4986.

HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE will be this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for this special celebration.

DON'T FORGET... United Methodist Women are still collecting recipes for the church cookbook. Don't miss out on sharing your family favorites with the rest of us! Please turn in recipes to the church office or Julie Farthing.

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON: The youth will be providing a lunch following the late service on Palm Sunday, April 8th, at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Members *and guests* are invited to attend! Tickets can be purchased in the parlor following each service or by calling the church office at 474-4796. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under 5.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - April 8th, 15th, and 22nd - traditional both services. April 29th - May 20th - blended at 8:30 and traditional at 11:00 a.m.; May 27th traditional at both. For more information regarding the status of the contemporary worship service, please see the article in this month's CUMmunicator.

BACK PACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR MEXICO - During April we will be collecting school supplies to distribute to the children of our Mexican families. Back packs and basic school supplies are needed by all of the children. Suggested items: school back packs, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebook paper, folders, glue sticks, scissors. Your support has been great! **THANK YOU!!**

VIRTUOUS REALITY - The puppetry/blacklight show scheduled for this evening has been canceled by the puppet team.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING for volunteers to do visitation on the *Jesus Video Project*. -See Ryan Wilson or Art Gifford.

FOUND - Gold heart-shaped pin, silver hoop earrings, and man's sports watch. They can be picked up at the church office.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY

MONDAY: Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.	THURS: Education	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY: Cub Scouts	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m.
WED: Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	FRIDAY: Disciple	9:00 a.m.
Lenten Service	12:10 p.m.	Jr. High Lock-in	6:00 p.m.
TGIW	5:30 p.m.	SAT: Confirmation Class	10:00 a.m.
Joy Choir	6:00 p.m.	SUNDAY: Palm Sunday Dinner	12:15 p.m.
Christian Believer	7:00 p.m.		
Trustees	7:00 p.m.		