The Burrowes Street Youth Haven ensures youth experiencing family conflict, abuse, neglect, homelessness, or other crisis have a safe and supportive environment in which to live, grow, and develop. Through residential and counseling services, we hope to provide youth and their families with the opportunity to effectively address critical issues, and also provide them with the support that is necessary to reach their full potential. Youth are welcome to access the shelter whenever they need a safe place to stay, day or night. Caring, professional counselors are at the shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide assistance for both residential or drop-in care. Young adults can drop by for a snack, a meal, a shower, or to talk to staff. The Haven is at 334 S. Burrowes Street. State College. Call 814-234-2100 or visit a Safe Place business.

#### Leading Worship:

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Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:30 am Livestream at 9:30am on our Facebook page. Welcome to worship at <u>Mt Nittany Church</u> Hate and disdain for those we view as sinners is too easy an excuse to hang our

belief that they are beyond God's redemption; so when God intervenes and restores a relationship WE feel us unfit or inappropriate, we are the ones who need to repent and be restored.

#### Giving:

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Greeting Prelude Centering Words Psalm 119: 167-176

167 My soul keeps your decrees;

I love them exceedingly. 168 I keep your precepts and decrees,

for all my ways are before you.

169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord;

give me understanding according to your word. 170 Let my supplication come before you;

deliver me according to your promise.

171 My lips will pour forth praise,

because you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

# 174 I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me.

# 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant,

for I do not forget your commandments.

## **Opening Prayer**

Rejoicing Father, You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.

~Kace Leetch

# \*Opening Praise

Behold the Lamb

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #340

Scripture

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Luke 15: 1-32

# Children's Message

## Message

God Seeks Even the "Hateful" Sinners to Restored Relationship **Gospel** Praise

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Peace

\*Offertory Response

Above All (Chorus only)

Projected

Projected

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

#### Sending

Sisters and brother, whom will you see this week? What will they need? Will you dare to see their need and love them with the love of Christ? In Christ's name go and be good news!

## We are sent in Christ's name! Thanks be to God!

## <u>Postlude</u>

\*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

## Prayer List

Jon Hickey, Pat Sankey, Kurt & Debra Behers, Barbara Gotwalt, Barrie Kintner, Regina Reichard, Linda Kopp, a friend, The Edmiston family

#### Announcements Easter Flowers

If you wish to honor a friend or family member with Easter flowers please complete an Easter Flower Order Form and place the money and order form in the collection plate. The price is \$11 and the order form must be received by **March 30**. This year, Hydrangeas may also be ordered and the price for this option is \$18. If writing a check please write Easter Flowers on the memo line. Please print your loved one/family neatly so that Jodie can be sure of the spelling.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

We will begin to collect candy for our Family Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday April 12 from 9am-12pm. Candy must be small enough to fit into plastic eggs for the hunt.

Calendar	March 23-29		
Sunday			
Friendship Class		8:30am	Boardroom
Worship		9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday Sc	Children's Sunday School		S/C Ed. Rm
Donuts + fellowship	Donuts + fellowship		FLC
Monday			
Pastor hours	9-11am		Pastor's office
Quilters	9:30am		Spring Creek Rm
Tuesday			
Pastor Hours	9-11am		Pastor's Office
Scouts	5:30-8pm		FLC
Trustees	6pm		Boardroom
Admin. Council	7pm		Boardroom
Wednesday			
Girl Scouts	6-7:30pm		FLC
Thursday			
Karate	5:30-6:30pm		FLC
Saturday			
Soccer	9-11:30am		FLC
Community Dinner	4-6	Зрт	FLC