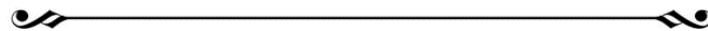


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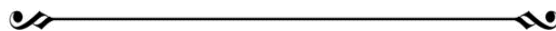
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ☩ January 30th, 2022 ☩ 11 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

A Light Shines in the Darkness!



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

✦ Indicates Music Selection

Gathering Music ✦

"Pastorale"

Prelude to Worship ✦

"O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Community

O God of change and stillness; of wounds and repair,

You restore our sense of balance – a place to breathe.

May we grow our attention towards that which gives life,

And cultivate connections of community and care.

May we gather in this space and claim healing as our birthright,

And bring with us healing balms of service and compassion.

May the Spirit move among us. Let us come together to be transformed,
so we can transform the world,

**And flow like living water – ever adapting and ever faithful,
overflowing from all that can be.**

A Litany for Collective Care

O Creator of Life, who feels our inhale and exhale all in the same breath,

anchor us in your assurance.

May our exhaustion collapse into your arms,

to be held, to be lifted, to be known in our wholeness.

May we rest in the alignment of this moment,

in the abundance of you, and our right to belong.

O Liberator of Loneliness, who re-centers the margins and the first becomes last,
you have shown us how,

to be free is to be beloved.

Because there is strength in vulnerability and wisdom in intimacy,

to be free is to be beloved.

As white blood cells rally to a cut and mushrooms cleanse the forest ground,

to be free is to be beloved.

Like the midwife catching a baby and a chaplain sitting vigil with the dying,

to be free is to be beloved.

Because we are found in the web that lifts us, not the bootstraps that bind us down,

to be free is to be beloved.

Where the City of God is irresistible and its sweetness of justice satisfies,

to be free is to be beloved.

Because resurrections never go unwitnessed and they heal brokenhearted,

to be free is to be beloved.

As species with needs and offerings, who give and receive alike,

we are not meant to live this life alone.

So, let us hold fast to our God in between us,

to the collective of care alongside us today. Amen.

Meditative Interlude ✧

"Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Barb Hendershot, Lector

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Message by Pastor Debra Peters-Wilcox of St. Matthews UCC

The Spirit is With Us

Contemplative Interlude ✧

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

O God of loaves and fishes, of bread and of wine, we bring before you our diversity of gifts, knowing that they will be multiplied for the benefit of many. O God of resurrection, who makes all things new, accept our offering to both give and receive, trusting that there is abundance in togetherness, and generosity in you. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Our Story

Sharing the Meal ✧

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✠

"Preludium"



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Joys & Concerns

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Jessica Green** (Jan 31st) and **Ivan Dwyer** (Feb 2nd), **Michael Schultz** (Feb 2nd) and **Lenzie Weicht** (Feb 5th). May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Prayer Requests



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: [Thomas Baker](#), [Beanie](#), [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Meredith Button](#), [Carroll Borkman](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Ronald Curry](#), [Grace Elizabeth, Glascock Family](#), [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Scott Krout](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Rev. Katie Penick](#), [Stephenson-Lane Family](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [Leslie Rose](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Sammy Rittleberger](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Daisy Schlotterbeck](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Eric Wolbring](#), [Eleanor Wible](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks and will be removed at that time unless renewed or requested to remain on the list long-term.*

Lector Ministry



Today: **Barb Hendershot**

January 30th Lector: **Carol Mooers**

**If unable to serve as lector for your designated week, please let Michael know by the Wednesday prior to your scheduled date at connectionssixeight@gmail.com or 240.883.4544.*



African-American History Month Begins – Feb 1st

learn more at www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov

Tuesday's Supper & Food Pantry – Feb 1st from 5 – 6:30pm (carry-out only)

More Info at www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048

Candlemas – Feb 2nd

learn more at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Candlemas>

Staff Meeting – Feb 3rd at 11am via Zoom

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<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**

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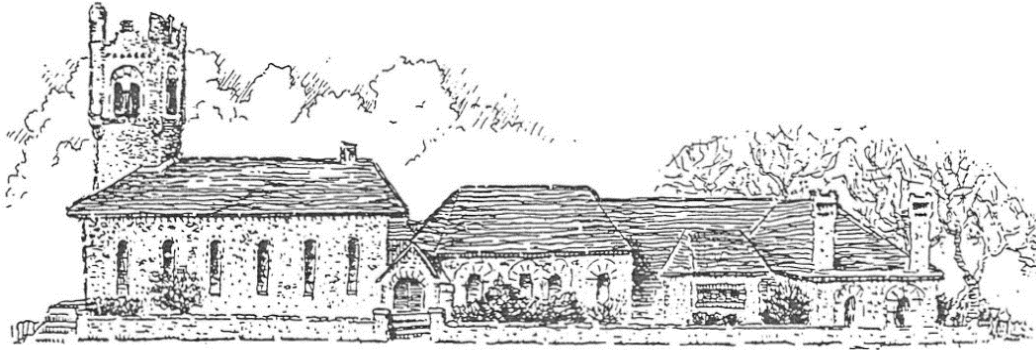
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