

For Prayer & Contemplation

It's good for the soul to make bad art. It's good for the soul to be a beginner. - Hope Larson

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine" – arr. Marlais
Jillian Lai, piano

Call to Worship

One: Bring your tired feet and rest them here.

All: This is the house of God, who gives us rest from our labors.

One: Bring your burdens and lay them down here.

All: This is the house of God, who hears our prayers, restores, and renews us.

One: Bring your dreams and hopes of what life can be and speak them here.

All: This is the house of God, who leads us to new life.

One: Let us worship God, who restores and renews us.

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn No. 24** "God, You Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Prayer of Confession

God of love, we have hidden all our worries, anxieties, and fears from each other and from you.

We do not want pity,
so we cut off compassion.

We cling to our burdens,
and wonder why we are tired and afraid.

Forgive us, Lord.
for thinking there is nothing to be done.

Give us the courage to reach out to you,
and to each other

to help and be helped.

Restore us to you, and teach us how to live in grace.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. Friends, believe the gospel promise:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem "Do Lord" – arr. Potter Sunshine Singers

Time with Children

Scripture

1st Reading: *Psalm 29: 1-11*
OT PG 504-505, **Large Print 621**

2nd Reading: *Isaiah 42: 1- 9*
NT PG 670-671, **Large Print 820-821**

Sermon – *Rabbi Rachel Schoenfeld*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*Apostle's Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead...**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

My Faith Journey – Jennifer Hwang

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

It is humbling, Lord, that you trust us depend on our gifts to build your Kingdom. May we live up to the responsibility you have given us, giving glory to you with all our gifts. Amen

Invitation to Communion

The Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Hear our prayers for your church and world:
for the hungry and the overfed,

All: May we have enough.

One: For the mourners and the mockers,

All: May we laugh together

One: for the victims and the oppressors,

All: May we share power wisely

One: for the peacemakers and warmongers,

All: May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

One: For the silenced and the propagandists,

All: May we speak our own words in truth;

One: For the unemployed and the overworked,

All: May our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

One: For the troubled and the insecure,

All: May we live together as wounded healers;

One: For homeless and the pampered,

All: May our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

One: For the vibrant and the dying,

All: May we all die to sin and live to love.

One: For all those among us who are in special need of your healing and care,

Gertrude Monaghan, The Family of Margaret Fortney, Mavis Finch, Dan, Cindy, Jason, Tina, Joan Wagner, Nic Albadine, Erin Fitzpatrick, Meg Yanefski, Sara Crispin, Jim Taylor, David, William Loeb, Rachael Lodholz, Aaron Hill, Douglas Hoffman, Jason Bell, Greer and Graham, Marta, The Family of Dot Clay, Rev. Bruce Gillette, Bonnie MacGibeny, Harrison Gianfortune, Jane Sheridan, Family of Bill Herzer, Nick, Sandra, John Polhamus, Maureen St. John, Roxanne omers, Terri D'Onofrio, Mike & Terry Savage, The Family of Beryl Kane

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

***Hymn No. 450** "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 62** "Love the Lord Your God"
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul."

Postlude "Be Thou My Vision" – arr. Callahan

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> January 8-15	
<i>Sunday</i> January 8	Deacon's Meeting 8:30am, 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15, Bible Study 11:30 Agape Room with Rabbi Rachel
<i>Monday</i> January 9	Property Committee Upstairs Kitchen 7pm, Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> January 10	PW Meeting, Upstairs Kitchen 9:30 am, Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm Invitation & Outreach Memorial Hall 7pm
<i>Wednesday</i> January 11	Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30
<i>Thursday</i> January 12	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> January 13	
<i>Saturday</i> January 14	Youth Group, Nerfapalooza 10am
<i>Sunday</i> January 15	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming Sunshine Singers 11:15

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<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick & Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Patty Januszewski

Music Notes

Today's prelude is Helen Marlais' arrangement of a German carol from the 1500's, with a tune, "Resonet in Laudibus," which dates back two centuries earlier. The postlude is the canon from Charles Callahan's set of variations on the Irish folk melody, "Slane." We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
January 8	Debby Leach
January 9	Bobbi Crenco
January 11	Beverly Benson
January 13	Pam Capanna
January 14	Joan Wagner



10 AM Worship Service
January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord
Rabbi Rachel Schoenfeld