

For Prayer & Contemplation

"But all the magic I have known I've had to make myself."

-Shel Silverstein

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Song of Peace" - Langlais

Call to Worship

One: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: 'Blessed are those who mourn,

All: for they will be comforted.

One: 'Blessed are the meek,

All: for they will inherit the earth.

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

All: for they will be filled.

One: 'Blessed are the merciful,

All: for they will receive mercy.

One: 'Blessed are the pure in heart,

All: for they will see God.

One: 'Blessed are the peacemakers,

All: for they will be called children of God.

One: 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

One: 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

All: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Hymn No. 762 "When the Poor Ones"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you bless the poor, the meek, and the mourning. We want to be blessed, but we do not want to be poor, meek, or mourning. Forgive us, Lord. We are afraid of what truly following you might mean. Give us the courage to be meek, the strength to be peaceful, the faith to grieve in hope. And guide our feet to paths of righteousness, in your Son's name.

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 "Let Us Love One Another" - Sherman
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

New Testament pg. 166, **LP** pg. 202

2nd Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

New Testament pg. 4, **LP** pgs. 4-5

Sermon "To Bless" – Rev. Drew Harrison

*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.

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

The Prayers of the People

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 Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, The Family of Beryl Kane, Harry, Guy Williams, Peggy Price

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 Insert "God, Your Gift of Peace is Precious"

*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.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.”

Postlude “God, Your Gift of Peace is Precious” - arr. Carlson

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



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Bev Donofrio & Bobbi Wilkins
Liturgist	Bev Ballard
Acolyte	Kendall Wichart

Music Notes

Today’s prelude is "Chant de Paix," (Song of Peace) composed by Jean Langlais in 1945, the year he became the organist at the Basilica of Sainte-Clothilde in Paris. The anthem is Arnold B. Sherman's 1981 setting of 1 John 4:7 - 11. The postlude is J. Bert Carlson's 1999 arrangement of the Welsh hymn tune "Cwm Rhondda," originally written by John Hughes in 1907. J. Bert Carlson served as Director of Music and Organist at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Moorestown, NJ for many years. We thank Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for permission to use her hymn text, which she wrote while she served as our co-pastor with her husband Bruce. We also thank Linda Richardson and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> January 29-February 5	
<i>Sunday</i> January 29	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am, Jazz Vespers 5pm
<i>Monday</i> January 30	Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> January 31	Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm
<i>Wednesday</i> February 1	Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30
<i>Thursday</i> February 2	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> February 3	
<i>Saturday</i> February 4	
<i>Sunday</i> February 5	Deacon’s Meeting 8:30am, 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Annual Meeting 11am, Sunshine Singers 11:15am



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
January 29	Dan Lovelace & Ayden Putz
February 4	Matthew Hwang



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4th Sunday after Epiphany
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