

For Prayer & Contemplation

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” - Jane Goodall

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" - arr. Kerr

Call to Worship

One: As the sun rises in the morning,

All: Let all creation worship God.

One: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

All: Let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord, for God alone is worthy to be praised.

One: God alone makes all things new.

All: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

*Hymn No. 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Father,

forgive us

for we know not what we do.

We harm without thinking,

our apathy more damaging than searing hatred.

We ignore your calls for justice,

and have little imagination for a better world.

Show us again your vision

of a world set right,

where swords are beat into plowshares,

where lions and lambs dwell together.

And turn our heads and our feet

towards making it a reality.

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 "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" - arr. Scott
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: *Deuteronomy 30: 15-20*

Old Testament pg. 186 LP pg. 233

2nd Reading: *Isaiah 40: 29-31*

Old Testament pg. 668, LP pg. 818

Sermon “A Better Story” – Dr. Bruce Main

*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

**Thank you, Lord. We do not deserve all that you have given
us. Accept what we offer, knowing that it represents our
whole selves, which we give to you in thanks. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*Bonnie MacGibeny, Harrison Gianfortune, Jane Sheridan,
The Family of Bill Herzer, Nick, Sandra, 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, Darlene Powell, Julia Fisher, The Family of Charles
Knoebel, Marcia Langlois, Bobbi Griffith, Meg Yanefski,
Joe Bradley*

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.**

The Words of Institution

*Hymn No. 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

*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 Part 1: “Flourish on 'McKee'” - Copes

Part 2: "Eagles May Safely Fly" - Jurkiewicz

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



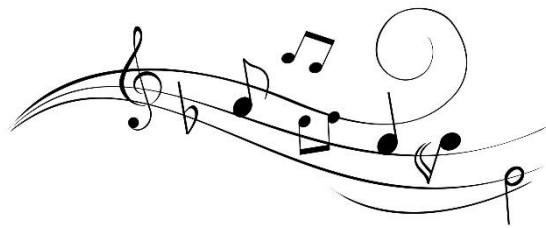
Thank you to our Worship Servers

Ushers	John Fitzpatrick & Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Jen Grenier
Acolyte	Kendall Wichart

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> February 12 -February 19	
<i>Sunday</i> February 12	10 AM Worship Service by Dr. Bruce Main – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am
<i>Monday</i> February 13	Property Committee 7pm, Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> February 14	PW Meeting 9:30am, Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm, I&O Meeting 7pm
<i>Wednesday</i> February 15	Circle of Life 1:30pm, Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30
<i>Thursday</i> February 16	Joy Circle 10am, Bell Choir 7pm, Christian Education Zoom 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> February 17	
<i>Saturday</i> February 18	Grace Circle 9:30am
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Music Notes

Today's prelude is J. Wayne Kerr's 2014 setting of the hymn tune "Chereponi," a Ghanian folk tune adapted by Tom Colvin. The postlude is V. Earle Copes' 1994 composition based on the tune of our closing hymn. "McKee" is an African American spiritual which was adapted by composer, arranger and professional singer H. T. Burleigh. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

Birthday Blessings



<i>This Week's Birthday</i>	
February 14	Lauren Staman
February 15	Donna Dietrich & John Fitzpatrick
February 16	Chris Montgomery



10 AM Worship Service
February 12, 2023
6th Sunday after Epiphany
Dr. Bruce Main