

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, January 20, 2019
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

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** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music

Spirit Song

***O let the Son of God enfold you with his spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.***

***O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.***

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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***O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;***

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

***O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.***

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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Step By Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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***I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.***

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive)

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

*Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn #470 (blue) *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

By His Grace

***By His grace I am redeemed, by His blood I am made clean;
And I now can know Him face to face.***

***By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by faith;
I will praise the glory of His grace.***

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, God has revealed the mystery that brings grace and forgiveness. The light of God's love transforms us so that we may act with boldness and confidence.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.

***Sung Response** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Anthem *Gentle Voice* -Dengler
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon “Different Gifts. Same Spirit.” Pastor Christina

***Hymn #419 (blue)**
How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

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.

Sung Response

Cares Chorus

*I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

Morning Offering

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Installation of Officers

Litany of Spiritual Gifts

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of Him.

Though we have different gifts...

Presentation of Candidates

Dale Nester and Brad Thum

Questions to the Candidates

Questions to the Congregation

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation

Almighty God: in every age You have chosen servants to speak Your word and lead Your loyal people. We thank You for these people whom You have called to serve You. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

***Hymn #525 (blue)**

Here I Am, Lord

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Today's Readings

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I'm going to show you an even better way.

Prayer List:

Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.

Concerns:

The family of The Rev. Lois Gremban; Bob Crist; Penny Arnold, recovering from surgery; Evelyn Gilbert; Sandy Jensen; Jan Felton; Ilona Bertsch; The Rev. George Gillette; Karen, Kathy Vanderbeek's sister; Mackenzie Brown; Susie Page; Bonnie Smith; Barb Pharr; Vickie Losey; Jim Kench; Pat MacDonald; Peggy Ronk; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Karen Rozen; Randy Jenison; Geneva Foster; Sandy Parr's sister Barb Elliot; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

Thanksgivings:

Kyle & Andrea Nester; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

Continuing Prayers:

Geneva Alasadi & family; John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Lou Dellinger; Art Faustmann; Christina Latoski & family; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; Shelley Zamarron & family

If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.

Happening this Week:

- Women's Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Next Week's Volunteers – January 27, 2018:

- Cynthia Smith, Liturgist
- Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
- Cynthia Smith & Joy Heinlein, Ushers
- The Nester Family, Coffee Hour
- Cheri Booth & Tom Heinlein, Counters



Annual Meeting – TODAY!

Immediately following worship this morning, we will have our 2019 Annual Meeting. This is the meeting where we adopt the 2019 budget and receive reports from the various teams of the church.

Tabitha Circle Schedule

Tabitha Circle will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 5, in the downstairs Lounge. In order to stay on schedule, please read pages 71-109 on your own. We will do a quick summary of these pages as a group. Our lesson for February 5 will cover pages 111-146 with Carolyn G. as our discussion leader. Everyone is welcome - if you have questions, see Joy Heinlein.



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