

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, February 2, 2020
10:30am

**Service for the Lord's Day
4th 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

pg. 19-20

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

What does the Holy One require of us?

To be just, kind, and humble before God.

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord.

Now faith, hope, and love abide;

and the greatest of these is love.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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

Brothers and sisters, our sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus bring healing, justice, and peace. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

***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.***

***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)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 15

Anthem

At the Table of the Lord
Chancel Choir

Agerman/Martin

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Sermon

Pastor Christina

***Hymn (insert)**

Come! Live in the Light!

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Morning Offering

*Please remember to place your written prayer request cards
into the offering plate as it is passed.*

***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.

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED IN US

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you...
... who forever praise your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son....
...for great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

***Sharing the Bread and Cup**

Prayer After Communion (unison)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to You. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #386**

O for a World

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Questions for Reflection:

from Feasting on the Word

How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in our community's life of prayer and service do you see instances of God's justice, peace, and healing? Then give thanks, and ask God, "Where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly into all blessedness in the ordinary course of my day?"

Today's Readings

Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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:

Jeff Arnold; Those fighting the “creepy crud;” The family of John Kirby; Heath Meyers; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gail; John & Nancy Allen; Marian Bouchey; Sally Nester; Jill Barrett; Sharon Froom; Garret Miniard; The Rev. George Gillette; Geneva Foster; 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:

Miracles and healing mercies granted; 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:

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Christina Latoski & family; Mick Lott; Karen Moore; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Bonnie Smith & Ken Yordy; Randy Smith; 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
- Tabitha Circle – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

Next Week's Volunteers – February 9, 2020:

- Penny Arnold, Liturgist
- Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
- _____, Ushers
- Pastor Christina, Coffee Hour
- Kathy Vanderbeek & Rick Teal, Counters

Prayer Cards – Trying Something New

Beginning TODAY, we are going to try something different for prayer requests. You will find in your bulletins a slip of colored paper on which you may write your prayer requests. The prayers of the people and the offering will swap places in worship so that prayer requests may be collected with the offering, and Pastor Christina will have them to announce and pray for during the prayers of the people.

Anniversary Sunday – February 16

We kick off our year of celebrating our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, February 16. We will have our regular Sunday Morning 10:30am service. Later that day, we will have our Anniversary Service at 4pm, followed by dinner in Fellowship Hall. This promises to be a very meaningful event, and there are a lot of extra people coming. You don't want to miss it! **If you have pictures or other mementos from the church's history**, please bring them in so they can be displayed at our anniversary party! You will get them back, so make sure you mark your name on your pictures (and tell us who is in it and what the event was). Thanks in advance for your help!

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