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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

JAN. 19, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" arr Bill Ingram.

BELLS OF FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP

ERIN SCHOR

*God of the feast, God of abundance,
you are always turning water into fine wine.
Though the wine has run out,
you work miracles among us.
Though the work feels impossible,
you accomplish wonders through us.
Though many fail to perceive it,
you reveal your glory among us.
Help us to receive your good gifts this day,
**that we might learn
to put our faith in you. Amen.***

++ HYMN #39[GTG] Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

ERIN SCHOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Lord,
we long to be your faithful people,
but our good intentions run out
and we come up empty.**

++Indicates Congregation standings as able

**For all the ways we fall short in our sin,
forgive us, Gracious One.
Change us—like water into wine—
to become what the world lacks,
that our community, our nation,
our church, and all creation
may know your justice and love.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ERIN SCHOR

God has lifted you up
from all that has pushed you down.
Gone are old names of derision:
Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody.
Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit,
God calls you by new names:
Wise, Knowing, Faithful,
Healer, Prophet, Mystic.
Hear, believe, and trust your new name:
In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #659 [GTG]

***Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

ERIN SCHOR

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ERIN SCHOR

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace

and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 36:5-10

ERIN SCHOR

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem “O Love” by Elaine Hagenberg

CHANCEL CHOIR

*O love, O love, O love, that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O joy, O joy, O joy, that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain. That morn shall tearless be.
O Love....*

GOSPEL READING John 2:1-11

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When

the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++HYMN #302[GTG]

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

This hymn celebrates the breadth of human diversity and the variety of gifts and abilities through which God’s people serve the church and the world.

Incorporating such diversity provides a vital witness to the hospitality of Christian community and to the inclusive nature of love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GWEN BOTTING

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.

(Prayers continue)

Lord’s Prayer (**unison**)

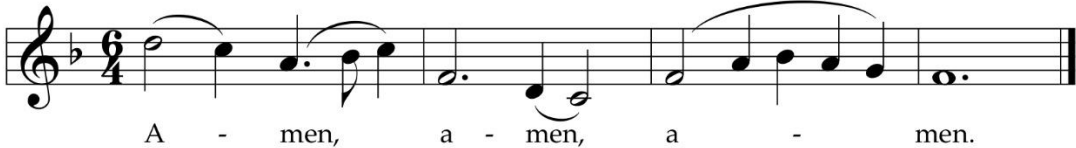
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

AMEN: #554 [GTG]

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B \flat C Dm B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995

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LAND OF REST

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**OFFERTORY MUSIC** “All Good Gifts” from *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz

CHANCEL CHOIR, Ben English, tenor

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand.

He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank Thee then oh Father, for all things bright and good. The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts, but that which Thou desires our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608 All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-". The third staff concludes the melody for the third line: "more; praise Triune God, whom we adore." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #733 [GTG] We Are All One in Mission

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:

ERIN SCHOR

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MEGAN HIGLE

ORGANIST:

SERGEI KVITKO

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

PRINCE SOLACE

PASTOR:

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 19

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Worship service – Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Children’s Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, January 20

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

GIL classes
Staff meeting – Library
Yoga – Yoga room
Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Mid_MI Photo Club Officers – Library
Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

GIL classes
Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Yoga

Thursday, January 23

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall/Kitchen
Bridge in the Parlor
Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 24

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Worship service - Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Children’s Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel
Lansing Symphony Orchestra - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Let's celebrate. Elder and deacon Jerry Keller turns 90 on Jan. 18, his wife Linda Keller tells us. **Happy Birthday, Jerry.**

Show off your talent by yourself or with a group. A **talent show** will take place on March 8, 2025, at 3 pm. If you want to be in the show please contact Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com The show needs an audience too, so if you are not in the show come to be wowed and enjoy the fun.

Birthday Potluck is February 2, 2025, after worship. Come find out who celebrates a birthday in the same month you do. Bring a dish to pass that feeds 10-12 people. Enjoy great food, good conversation, and a birthday party.

Euchre Tournament January 26 at noon at Holt First Presbyterian Church. The youth are hosting a Euchre party all skill levels welcomed, no partners needed, there will be food and childcare provided. If you have questions, contact Pam Blair 517-281-9099

ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).
(Childcare is available through this time.)

January 12

Social Justice Initiatives in Corporate Health Care

Matt Anderson leading

Matt is a senior data analyst with CVS Pharmacies and a long time First Presbyterian Church member

January 19

My Faith Journey

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

January 26

Immediately after worship in the sanctuary, learn about the upcoming **Capital Campaign** and the separate **Community Resource Facility Grant** from the State of Michigan.