

"Blessed are you..."
Matthew 5:11

January 29, 2017

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Service of Healing and Wholeness

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The Ringers on the Green

Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Rev. Sarah Green

Leader: We gather here in your presence, God,

People: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

Leader: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

People: and you know by experience what human life is like.

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

Leader: We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

People: and you have promised never to turn us away.

* Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Confession and Pardon

Lois Honigfeld

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God, burdened by our brokenness. We know it within our bodies, our minds, and our souls; and we know it in the world around us. Forgive us for harming ourselves, denying the holiness of your image within us. Forgive us for harming and taking out our pain on others, denying the holiness of your image within them. Forgive us for shutting out and ignoring the suffering of

* If you are able, please stand.

our neighbors because we fear it threatens our own good. Pour out your healing upon us, Merciful One. Mend our wounds, reknit our brokenness, and reshape us according to Christ's image. Reassure us of your grace, love, and blessing; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 551

Lord, Have Mercy

Land of Rest

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

People: There is forgiveness with God, who alone is to be revered.

Leader: Wait for the Lord; hope in God's word.

People: Through Christ, God never turns us away.

*** Response: Hymn 339, v.1**

Lift Every Voice

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*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Light of the world, your good news is for all people. By your Spirit, attune our ears to hear your life-giving Word today. Open our hearts to receive your blessing, that we may bear your light in our lives and give witness to your glory and strength. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Psalm 42

(Old Testament, page 487)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Verleih' uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Chancel Choir

Verleib' uns Frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.

Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht, der für uns könnte straiten, denn du, unser Gott alleine.

Mercifully grant us peace, Lord God, at our times.

There is indeed no other who could fight for us than you, our God, alone.

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12

(New Testament, page 4)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Blessed and Beloved”

Rev. Green

* Hymn 172

Blest Are They

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Anointing for Healing and Wholeness

(All who wish are invited to come forward for anointing and personal prayer. You will also find prayer request cards in the pew pockets. Please bring them forward to place in one of the baskets or hand them to an usher. As we wait, hold those around you and our entire broken world in prayer.)

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will conclude with the response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **grant them the deep peace of Christ.**

The 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.

Moment for Mission

Jim Wood

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Donations may be made online through our website.)

Offertory

Bound for the Promised Land

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye, to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie. There generous fruits that never fail on trees immortal grow; there rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and honey flow. I am bound for the promised land, O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. O the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight, sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight. When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest?

*** Doxology (Hymn 610, v.5) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

Azmon

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn 821**

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep From Singing

*** Benediction**

Postlude

There is a Happy Land

George Shearing (1919-2011)

Kevin Graf, organ

PARTICIPATING in the service today are the Reverend Sarah Green; Lois Honigfeld; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; the Ringers on the Green; and the Chancel Choir. The acolytes are Anna Alessio and Caleigh Lawlor.

YOUR STEPHEN MINISTERS are Pat Cunningham, Jan Dougherty, Mary Dykstra, Lena Fermani, Sue Grassmyer, Lois Honigfeld, Ginger Kutsch, Ginny Pontious (Leader), Beverly Tignor (Leader), Ruth Vanderpoel, Jim Wood, and Pam Wood.
If you would like to receive care, please contact Rev. Sarah Green.

GREETING YOU this morning are Julia & Tim Woodworth and Lori, Stephen, Daniel, and William Torell

THE USHERS today are Vern Verhoef, Head Usher; Henry Annis; Julius Annis; Gretchen Doner; Jack Fraebel; Savannah Familo; Sydney Familo; Marilyn Hummer; Liam Lawlor; and Nancy Niemann.

OUR FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS today are Linda and Nial McCabe.

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given in memory of Joanne Crosthwaite by Hal Crosthwaite.

THANK YOU to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

Sunday, Jan 29

Services of Healing and Wholeness

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, Jan 30

No open meetings.

Tuesday, Jan 31

- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, Feb 1

- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek (Bel Melodia & Bel Canto at COG)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower (COG)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, Feb 2

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. JAM

Friday, Feb 3

Office closes at noon.

- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)
- 5:30 p.m. Fri-YAY!

Saturday, Feb 4

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal (COG)

Sunday, Feb 5

Children's Musical and Souper Bowl of Caring

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Information Session

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Worship are suspended for the icy months. Both will resume on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.**



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