

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Universal Day of Prayer for Students

February 24, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

- I. *Voluntary* - John Stanley
- II. *Sweet Hour of Prayer* - BRADBURY, arr. Dale Wood

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;**

People: **He is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn # 645 "*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*" (vs. 1) MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled, and ever faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Perfect Light of revelation, as You shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Our first Hymn today is "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones", and it is an insert in your bulletin,

***HYMN** (see insert) "*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we praise Your name. We long to follow in the path You have provided for us but find it hard. We want to show our true devotion to You each week, but find it easier to stay in bed on Sunday. Our work often carries us far away from our beliefs and ethics. We are faced daily with choices that involve our faith and our humanity. Forgive us when we make poor choices or fail to follow Your path. We know we are sinful and for that we ask for forgiveness. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say,) In Your Son's name we pray, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn #833 "*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*" (vs. 1) ST. MARGARET

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
that in Thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

TIME FOR YOUTH You may be seated and at this time would our youth please come forward. (If there are no youth (besides the regulars,) then just say "you may be seated.")

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION O God, You spoke Your word and revealed Your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming Your joyful promises to all nations and singing of Your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, Your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 37:1-11 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

People: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Leader: Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

People: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

Leader: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

People: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Leader: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret – it leads only to evil.

People: for the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Leader: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

People: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Genesis 45:3-11, 15, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 42

Our special music today is: *O, How a Love Jesus*, a Handbell duet with Heidi Yuhanna and Julie Ciuro

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O, How I Love Jesus* - arr. Douglas E. Wagner;
Handbell Duet, Heidi Yuhanna and Julie Ciuro

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 6:27-38, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Pages 64-65

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 819

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

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.**

You may be seated. It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY: *He Hideth My Soul* - KIRKPATRICK, arr. Harold DeCou

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom 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.**

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us, food, shelter, medical care, family, friends, and the earth. We are forever grateful for Your greatest gift to humanity, the gift of redemption through Your only Son, Jesus Christ. In all humility we say Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 408**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** Hymn #700 vs 1

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *With Might and Majesty* - Steven Scott

***Those who are able may stand.**

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Today’s flowers were donated by
Barry and Bryan

*Please join us for Coffee and Refreshments
following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Winter is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

Thank you, Faith in Action

BRING IN BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

It's easy to find BOX TOPS, you may have some in your home right now. You can find them on hundreds of different products, from cereal as well as other kinds of food, to storage products, household products and school supplies. Look for a sample of one in the Opportunity Corner. Each BOX TOP is worth \$.10, so imagine how quickly they can add up! There is a write-up about this with a heartfelt thank you from the Goodland Academy on the bulletin board.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

With the possibility of another government shut-down, the need for food is greater than ever. Please bring non-perishable food items and put them in the cart, or you can always give a monetary donation, just make a notation that it is for the DeSoto Food Pantry and we will send them a check so they can buy what they need the most. Thank you for your generosity.

FIFTH SUNDAY POT-LUCK LUNCH

Our next 5th Sunday Pot-Luck Lunch will be on March 31st. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:15 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service with communion

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price needs continued prayers

Continued prayers for Bill and Nina Swaney

Bill's father, Bill Gast

Sue Fitch

Continued prayers for Joan's nephew, Ryan McNeil

Makia and Mireille Epie

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Joan's sister Shirley Gearheart and her kids

Irmagene Mitchell

Bob Drury

Bruce Allen

Prayers for those who are unable to go to church, but would love to

Joe's friend, Kevin Kimsy – he had a stroke and has other medical problems

Pray for Russia – Christians can't share Christ in public

Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick

Mireille's co-workers

Nancy's granddaughter is being deployed for 4 months to an unknown location

Cora Marsaw is in treatments, pray for a good outcome

Everyone who is sick with the cold or flu

Prayers for Robin and Tom Rawling, Tom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Linda Sharp, Janet's secretary

Nancy Hollingsworth's sister Ann and her family, her husband Bill passed away

Sonia Wills

Continued prayers for Cameroon

Cathy McCreary and family

Prayers for everyone who is a victim of a senseless crime

Margie Sonntag

Devynne's mother

A family member of Janet's is suffering from depression

Devynne's 4 month old niece is in the hospital

Mary Tucker lost her grandson

Silver Poteet lost her husband of 62 years

Sharon and Clyde Lockhart, Clyde has been diagnosed with mid-level Alzheimer's

Pray for Nigeria