

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

THE GATHERING

In Christian worship, we are gathered in from other attachments in life to be members of this distinct group: the Church of Jesus Christ.

Gathering and Passing of the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Chimes

We are called to worship today by three chimes:
one to awaken us to the presence of God,
one to call us to hear the voice of Christ,
and one to center us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.
Come, let us worship together.

*Hymn of Praise 334

AMSTERDAM

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

*Invocation

Beth C. Parker

Litany of Invitation and Confession (Deut. 30)

Our God is a loving God.
Therefore, let us confess our sins
That we may choose life and live.

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;
gods whose names are Wealth, Security, and Individualism.

We worship work and consumer culture,
and it disorders our lives and love for you and one another.

Forgive us, God.

**Mend what is broken within us and among us,
that we may be one with you.**

In the name of Christ Jesus we pray it,
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 119)

Friends,
by the mercy of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Sing praises with an upright heart

As we continue always to learn the ways of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**As we begin such work again this week:
Let us lift our voices in thanks and praise to God!**

*Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI

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.*

THE SCRIPTURE

The Church is gathered around God's Great Story in Jesus Christ. The reading of Scripture is the centerpiece of our worship together.

First Lesson

Zach Bay

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Call to Prayer 243

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Zach Bay

Response to Prayer 694

MORNING SONG

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Lesson

Beth C. Parker

Matthew 5:21-37

THE RESPONSE

God became flesh and dwelt with us in our material world. We respond with our material things, asking God to make them gifts of grace for all.

*Hymn of Stewardship 246

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

*Prayer of Stewardship

Gifts of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Meditation

Organ

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*Response of the People 706

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above the heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture is not a passive, inanimate thing. It is meant to speak, to transform. In the Anthem and Sermon, we proclaim the Good News.

Anthem

Larson

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Zach Bay

"Law and Grace"

Discipline of Silence

THE COMMISSION

Having worshiped together this hour, we stand strengthened and renewed, and commissioned to go serve the world with Christ's love.

*Hymn of Opportunity 440

GIFT OF LOVE

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

*Recognition of Commitments

*Benediction

Zach Bay

*Postlude

Organ

Think About His Love

*Please stand as you are able.

Bonnie Daniels, piano Janet Matthews, organ
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Upcoming Church Events Calendar

Today's Activities

Sunday, February 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

This Week's Activities

Monday, February 17

Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel

Tuesday, February 18

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
12:00 p.m. Praying the Psalms in the Prayer Room

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Chapel
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi in the Chapel
5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
5:00 p.m. CCM Community Dinner

In the Weeks Ahead

Monday, February 24

Newsletter Submissions Due

Tuesday, February 25

6:00 p.m. Venture Circle at King's Buffett

Wednesday, February 26

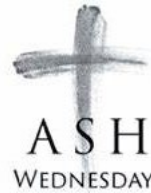
11:00 a.m. Newsletter Folding Group
6:30 p.m. Morality and Mortality:
An Ash Wednesday Service

Thank You

Loving church family,
Words cannot express my gratitude for your love and concern during Dewey's illness and passing. Your love, prayers, visits, cards and food gave us strength each day. Thank you so much. God bless.
- Marie Partin

Venture Circle

Venture Circle will meet on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at King's Buffett. Bring quilts and throws for hospital infusion and cancer patients.



Join us for Morality and Mortality:
An Ash Wednesday Service
on February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Statistics for February 9, 2020

Weekly Budget	\$6,063.00
Total Offerings	\$3,034.00
Worship Attendance	88
Sunday School Attendance	46

Church Staff

Rev. Zachary L. Bay	Pastor
Beth C. Parker	Minister of Music
Elizabeth Lowden	Office Administrator
Billy Hunter	Facilities Manager
Cherry Stamper	Child Care Coordinator
Phillip Akers	Media Coordinator
Robbie Brumbach	Media Associate
Derek Barnett	Media Associate
Janet Matthews	Organist
Teresa Brown	Pianist
Bonnie Daniels	Pianist
Rev. John E. Pennington, Jr.	Pastor Emeritus

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THE PREPARATION

At the outset of our time of worship together, we pause from our busyness and ponder good words that prepare our minds and hearts.

“Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.” – George Bernard Shaw