

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday after epiphany
February 9, 2020
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MORNING MEDITATION

“The secret of life isn't what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you!”
Rev. Norman Vincent Peale

WORDS OF WELCOME

Joe DeGrande

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, we gather this February morning, as family and friends, as children of God.

People: Hear us when we pray and sing your praises together!

Leader: Keep our thoughts from drifting and wondering. Keep us aware and focused upon what is really central to our lives.

People: Keep us making choices that allow the Spirit of God to enter our lives

Leader: O God, as we listen to your Word, let our lives be a reflection of your teachings and commandments,

People: So that we might be free to love everyone we meet.

*****OPENING HYMN: 'Heralds of Christ'**

UMH # 567

INVOCATION

Joe DeGrande

Leader: O Lord, grant in us a sense of wonder and awe for the majesty of your presence in our lives.

People: Help us to see that we are not alone in the sea of demands and opportunities that we call life.

Leader: Help us to believe through the signs and miracles of the Bible that God walks among us through Christ, the Messiah, and the Holy One.

People: Through Christ's love let us be quick to ask for the willingness to believe deeply, to change and refine our motives and give to God the power to redeem us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: O Lord, grant us the willingness to choose rightly. Grant us the vision and the perspective to build our lives with our Lord, Jesus Christ at its center.

People: Instill in us the confidence to choose the best for the long term and to remember that sacrifice is part of life. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in ourselves that we think it necessary to argue over trivialities. Help us to take stock, to be calm, and to hear the voice of God in our critics and those who disagree with us. O Lord, make us aware of our defects and give us right motives. As you share your kindness and patience with us, help us to let go of our prideful ways. Be with us this day and all days; for it is in the living in your Light that gives life fulfillment and salvation in the next. Amen

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

It is through foolishness that God makes us wise; it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve; it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole. We cannot boast in what we have done, but only in the grace and joy of our God, who showers us with mercy. Amen

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WORD FOR ALL AGES

Joyce Monska

PSALTER READING: Psalm 112 (Red Hymnal pg. 833)

Joe DeGrande

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

RESPONSE: 'Glory Be to the Father'

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9

Joe DeGrande

(Chair Bible, Old Testament, pg. 688)

*****HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know' UMH #163**

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible, New Testament, pgs. 166-167)

SERMON: 'The Timeless Spirit'

Rev. David F. Hurst

MINISTRY OF GIVING: Air from 'Water Music' (G. D. Handel) Nadine Shank

*****Doxology**

'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: 'We Are Called'**

FWS # 2172

(Please be seated following singing of hymn)

*****BENEDICTION:**

Leader: Go now into that sea of life with the love of God in your hearts.

People: Our lives are good, our souls are refreshed, our hearts are a little more aware and happy. Help us to show that assurance is in our relationships, in our jobs, and in our dealings with all whom we encounter. May God bless us and keep us whole until we meet again. Amen

POSTLUDE: 'Fanfare' (Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens)

Nadine Shank

Altar Flowers this morning are in honor of Stephen Monska's Birthday given by his mother, Joyce.

Also flowers wishing you all a "Happy Valentine's Day"!
'Share the Love' Cupid

This second vase of flowers will be divided and given to Martha Kellett and Shirley Smith.

Attendance for Sunday, February 2nd: Adults 30 Young Adults 2

CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH

Sunday, February 9th - Morning Worship 10:00am
Monday, February 10th - Office Open 10:00am - 1:00pm
Wednesday, February 12th - Office Open 8:30am - 1:00pm

CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH

Sunday, February 16th - Morning Worship / Communion 10:00am
Monday, February 17th - Cot Shelter / Rochelle
Monday, February 17th - Office Open 10:00am - 1:00pm
Wednesday, February 19th - Office Open 8:30am - 1:00pm
Thursday, February 20th - Finance/Trustee Meeting rescheduled (see below)

TODAY - LUNCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP

with short fair meeting. If you didn't make your reservation, check with Sue as there may be a few extra meals. 11:15am

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD - LIVE NATIVITY MEETING

All those who participated in any way or those interested in the Nativity, please plan to attend to discuss 2019's presentation and ways we can make 2020 even better. (See Pam or Peggy)

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

February 17th - Cot Shelter
February 27th - Finance/Trustee Meeting 6:30pm (new date)

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM**



Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor
Nadine Shank, Organist

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will for the transformation of the world through spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship."

We welcome you to join us in this our journey.