

The Service for the Lord's Day

A Deeper Well



Whoever drinks the water I
give them will never thirst
John 4:14

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Andante & Andante Con Moto” (Sonata V)

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Lord, we come tired and sore

All: but still we come.

One: We come carrying heavy burdens

All: but still we come.

One: Looking for something to trust,

All: we come to you.

RESPONSE: (page opposite →) “Ho, All Who Thirst”

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One: Longing for mercy and rest,

All: we come to worship you!

***HYMN: #411**

“How Firm a Foundation”

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CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: We trust in God's grace, even as we acknowledge our sin. Our God promises mercy and invites us into honesty. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

All: Jesus Christ, we confess to fear that turns us inward: fear that says we can't be generous until we're sure we have enough for ourselves; fear that shuts out the pleas of others; fear that we'll be judged if we can't give much; fear that if we start to give, we'll eventually run dry. Scrape away our fears, Lord, and teach us to be confident with what we have. Remind us that you have done miracles with very small things, and can do the same for us.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In your holy name we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON¹

One: Hear the good news! The only one who could judge us loves us more than we can imagine.

All: Through Jesus our Savior, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION¹

All: Life-giving God, we come to drink deeply from your well of grace. As the scripture is read, let your words wash over us. As your love flows forth, satisfy our thirst. Then, let us invite others to the spring of grace that gushes up to eternal life. Amen.

PSALM:

“Psalm 146”

Sung to the hymn-tune *Beecher*, #358 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*“Blest are they whose hope is vested in the God of Israel;
In the hour of deepest anguish, God’s provisions will not fail;
Freedom for the shackled spirit, strength and stay to those who fall;
Blessings offered without measure, righteousness enough for all.”*

Paraphrase of Psalm 146 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Kings 17:8-16

Pew Bible, OT pg. 359

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM:**

“Offertory”

John Ness Beck

~Chancel Choir

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

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SERMON**III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD****MOMENT AT THE WELL**

What in your life is worth ‘digging deep’ and making sacrifices for?

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

“If With All Your Hearts” (Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

~Dawson Trotman

“Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts, and not your garments for your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil. “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God. Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

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***RESPONSE: HYMN #685**

“What Gift Can We Bring”

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During the song, you are invited to come forward to place your rocks and stones at the well.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***LITANY OF COMMITMENT**

All: As people of faith, we seek a deeper well.

Right: The work of faith requires much of us, so we dig deep:

Left: into our pockets and bank accounts; into our schedules and energy reserves,

Right: into our hearts and our strength; into our trust in the God we love.

Left: The life of faith offers much to us, so we draw deeply:

Right: from the peace and joy of worship; from the love and friendship of this congregation;

Left: from the promises of Holy Scripture; from the grace of the God who loves us.

All: As people of faith, we seek a deeper well.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN: #441**

“Trust in the Lord”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

“Fugue in d minor”

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

1 Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Great Prayer were adapted from the Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett, Deep Well Worship.

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Chris & Pete Klein
in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sub Sandwiches Pick up Today

If you ordered subs from S.T.A.G.E., **pick them up today from 11 am to 1 pm at FPCRO.**

Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips.

Thank you for your support!

Rock Painting next Sunday!

Plan to stay after worship next **Sunday, February 20** to paint a rock in the Christian Education Lobby. They will be given out the following Sunday as reminders of God's overflowing grace.

February H.O.M.E. Project

We are collecting diapers for The Natural Momma Me Initiative, a local affiliate of the National Diaper Bank Network which serves the Metro Detroit area. Pick up project bags and **return by Sunday, February 27.** All sizes of diapers may be purchased, as well as wipes. An Amazon Wish List is available if you would like to order diapers online for direct delivery to The Natural Momma Me Initiative: <http://a.co/7ekAAr5>

Prepare for Lent

Lent begins March 4 and takes us to Easter on April 17. Our theme is *Good Enough*, inspired by the new devotional book by Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. **Preorder your copy of *Good Enough*** from your favorite bookseller now. And **sign up to participate in a weekly Zoom small group discussion** of the devotionals during Lent. These will meet once a week on Zoom, at the times below, for about 30 minutes from the week of March 6 through the week of April 10. Please sign up ahead of time to participate, using the link in the weekly email (<https://tinyurl.com/2p8c5r5h>) or call the church office.

- Sundays at 7 pm, led by Derek Helenberger
 - Wednesdays at 7 pm, led by Kevin Ball and Krispen Carroll
 - Thursdays at 10:30 am, led by Chris Klein
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Refugee Resettlement Housewares Collection

We expect to be matched with an Afghan refugee family very soon! New items have been added to our housewares collection. If you take a tag to donate items, please return the items to church in the next few weeks. Questions? Please speak with Julie Matthews or Gretchen Hirsch about the collection.