



First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Epiphany Theme: Arise, Shine!

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Morecambe

Please respect those who wish to sit in silence.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Miller

*Greeting and Passing of the Peace

"The Peace of God be with you."

In Unison: **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

Call to Worship

Melody Albertson

Blessed are those who trust in God.

We long to hear God's word.

Blessed are those who seek meaning in their lives.

We intend to bear fruit in all we say and do.

Blessed are those who serve with joy.

We come now to worship and find empowerment for our journey.

*Processional Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Black Hymnal*, No. 7
OLD HUNDRETH L.M.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

7

William Kethe, 1561
Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

Ps. 100

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

out your faith with cheer - ful voice; De - light in God whose
fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - jice.
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Old Hundredth is perhaps the best known and most widely used of all psalm tunes. It came into English use in 1561 with Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 100 and has been associated with it ever since.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Attrib. to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551

*Invocation

O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow. Help us to reach out with your love to those in need, that we may not be satisfied until all are fed. Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today. Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide. Amen.

*Gloria

Black Hymnal, No. 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Conversation with the Children

Epistle Lesson

James 1:22-27, pew Bible page 215

Psalter

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the AGELESS ONE, O my soul!

I will praise the EVER-LIVING GOD all my life;

I will sing praises to my God throughout my living.

Put not your trust in the great, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are these for whom the God of Rebekah's line is their help,
whose hope is in the CREATOR OF ALL, their God.**

Maker of heavens and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
keeping faith forever.

**Bringer of justice to the oppressed,
bringer of bread to the hungry;**

the COMPASSIONATE GOD sets the prisoners free.

**The ALL-SEEING GOD opens the eyes of the blind,
the JUST GOD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The RIGHTEOUS GOD loves the righteous.

The MOTHER OF ALL cares for the stranger,
orphan and widow she bears up,

but the way of the wicked she confounds.

**The MAJESTIC ONE shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, from generation to generation. Hallelujah!**

Anthem

A Psalm of Assurance

Scripture Lessons

1 Kings 17:8-16; Luke 4:16-27
pew Bible page 309; 57-58

Sermon

Your Trust

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

*Hymn

I Will Trust in the Lord

Black Hymnal, No. 416
TRUST IN THE LORD

I Will Trust in the Lord

416

African-American traditional

Ps. 37:5

1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the
2 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y

3
Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.
right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the
I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y

3
Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.
right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

One use of this traditional song has been in African-American churches, where someone giving a testimony would raise a verse

Tune: TRUST IN THE LORD *It's African-American traditional*

***Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jim Harmon

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and security and neglected matters of the spirit. We put our trust in things and deceive ourselves. Turn us around, so that we can learn to trust in you and find strength. Amen.

***Assurance**

God forgives those who seek forgiveness with sincere hearts and minds. God offers the grace of hope and courage to change our ways. Blessed are those who trust in God.

Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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

Elevation in G

***Hymn of Dedication**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts, we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to laughter and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn**

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Black Hymnal, No. 573

LANCASHIRE

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887, alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 1836

***Benediction**

Benediction Response

May you hear laughter in the wind. May you see hope in the light.
May you find courage in your faith. May you know joy in your God.

Postlude

Pensum Sacrum

Open & Affirming Statement

In our ongoing quest for hearts that open, minds that understand,
and lives that serve, we welcome into our fellowship, membership, leadership, and
employment, all people, regardless of abilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any God-
given characteristic.

Announcements

February 13, 2022

Prayers: For *Renee Jizba*, recovering from surgery.

Happy Birthday this week: *Soeum Chap, Sharon Heater, Neal Hansum, Rachael Ferber, James Askew, and Mollie Foster.*

Coffee Hour: Due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in Douglas County, there will be no coffee hour this week.

Fair Trade Coffee: Thank you to Tina and Rita Grossenstein for donating Fair Trade Coffee for the month of February!

Chancel Flowers and Decorations: Flowers and decorations are sponsored this month by Janet Kuehl and Deb Welk.

FirstKids: Fireside Room following the Conversation with the Children. Masks required.

Want to donate electronically? Please scan the QR code.



Activities for the Coming Week

February 13-19

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Monday: Staff meeting, 1:30 p.m., Pastor's Study.

Wednesday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Family Night, 5:30
Sanctuary Choir, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Congregational Care, 7:30

Friday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Brigit St Brigit *Love in the Title*, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Evergreen Thrift Shop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Brigit St Brigit *Love in the Title*, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 13

Worship: 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live, YouTube, or in person. Masks required. "Your Power" is our theme.

Blessings & Rituals for Unsheltering: Hearing the Word, contemplating the questions, and celebrating will be meaningful time together on Sunday Mornings from 9-10:15a in the Upper Room. On line option is available. Come as you are. Bring the Spirit within you. Leave breathing more freely and refreshed.

*The church calendar is also available at www.firstcentral.org
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