

Order of Worship

February 11, 2018 — Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison
Bold Italics are words sung in unison

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

The Light of the World is Jesus

Arr. Hayes

Jason Aquila, Organist

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP, *adapted from Psalm 25, 1-3*

To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

O God, we trust unashamedly in you, seeking that you be not ashamed of us.

May we begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday together in right relationships.

Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly.

May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.

Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 67

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

Verses 1-3, 6

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Friends, in our daily lives we need the gift of the season of Lent.

These 40 days can help us restore right relationships with God

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

Paula Deal
Marilynn Wheeler (friend of Diane Schwing)
John Michelich
Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)
Bob Patzwahl
Carol Adams
Marge Hall
Paulette Taylor (friend of Jane Huml)
Nola Branch
Chuck Hughes
Karen Farmer
Chuck Zaugg
Jay Welch (friend of Carol Peddie)
Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)
Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)
Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)
Andy Bischof
Nola Branch
Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)
Joyce Droescher
Jane Huml
Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)
Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)
Annette Keen (friend of Karen Farmer)
Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)
Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)
Bonnie Everett (niece of Rich & Debbie Shank)
Megan Mealy
Bob Waidman (brother of Jeanne Long)
Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)
Lydia Chan (friend of the Kvasnickas)

The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer were adapted from *Prayers for the Journey: Service Prayers for the First Sunday of Lent* written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, retired clergy and member of Fellowship Congregational UCC, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, February 11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Racial Justice Sunday
Men's Group, 8:45 a.m.
BW Concert, 3 p.m.
Jason Aquila, accompanist

Monday, February 12

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.
Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Janet Kramer

Acolytes: Andrew and Elizabeth Hille

Flowers and Bulletins: Today's altar flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Ellen Cronk, in honor of her sister Barb Zaugg's birthday, and in honor of Ellen and Barb's cousin, Alice.

CONCERT TODAY AT 3 P.M. featuring music students from the BW Conservatory of Music. Jason Aquila will be accompanying.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS SMALL GROUP MEETINGS will be held after worship Feb. 25 and March 4 in the Lounge. Review the documents and come to either meeting with your questions.

YOGA CLASS meets Mondays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Jim Stone facilitates study on favorite Bible passages every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

CAREGIVERS Caregivers will meet after church Feb. 25.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES, Feb. 18-March 11. The Rev. Jim Cunningham will lead a study of Brian McClaren's *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. Information/participation options are available in the Gathering Room.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST The Sunday bulletin prayer list is cleaned out approximately every four weeks. If you wish to have someone remain on the current list, please notify Emma Kozar (440-899-6221) by Feb. 28 for the March bulletins.

and with others. This is a fine time to focus, clear our hearts and minds of distractions, and re-orient and restore our whole selves. May God be with us. Let us pray together:

Creating and Renewing God, in this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy. Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless. Help us to start over. Re-orient head and heart so that we may fill our whole selves with life-affirming activities and thoughts.

May I be in right relationship with you and all your creation and join with others who seek to overcome violence, hunger, and injustice. May I find courage and clarity to assist me in works of justice and compassion, that I may bring hope and wholeness to many who suffer. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Friends who seek to follow the way of Jesus, God hears our prayers and, even in our human frailty, promises to be with us in the wilderness times. Observe, find comfort, and offer with courage to restore and build relationships among God's people. Experience a new and renewed sense of hope.

Amen.

*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

***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.***

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

DEDICATION OF ACOLYTES

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Margaret Borrelli, Faith Formation Minister

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

***Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.***

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

*Our Lord is in This Place
McDonald
Carol Peddie, Director*

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11 NRSV, p. 879

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Going Deeper
The Rev. James Cunningham
Interim Pastor for Worship & Pastoral Care

WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father (God), 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.**

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent, let us focus more closely on our spiritual journey. Let us offer our lives and our gifts in service to our goal of strengthening our minister and mission as followers of the way of Jesus.

Offertory Music

O Christ, You are the Light and Day
Pachelbel
Jason Aquila, Organist

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

God, we humbly offer our lives and these gifts. Bless our offerings that our witness and gifts may reveal to others the depth of your love, and our love for all people everywhere. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 211

*Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days
verses 1-3*

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Duo
Clerambault
Jason Aquila, Organist

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