

McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE

5th Sunday of Epiphany

February 4, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Hine

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 147)**

(L) How good it is to sing praises to our God!

(C) For God is gracious, a song of praise is fitting

(L) God gathers up the outcast and heals the brokenhearted

(C) Praise the Lord! Praise our God!

(L) God lifts up the downtrodden and binds up their wounds

(C) Great is our Lord, abundant in power.

(L) Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving

(C) God's understanding is beyond measure

(ALL) We praise the Lord! We praise our God!

***HYMN**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Vv. 1, 2, 3 &5)

No. 21, brown

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, ... by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have forgotten the magnitude and cost of our salvation. We have looked down upon your call to "serve others" and looked down upon the "others" that you have called us to serve. In your mercy, forgive what we have been and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. In Jesus Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

(paraphrased/edited prayer from BCW)

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Psalm 103)**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who trust Him;

Hear the Good News - as far as the east is from the west, God has removed our sins from us.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Glory be 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together the 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

**(Chancel Choir)
Arr. Mann**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1: 29-39

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²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

"Raised Up & Served"

Rev. Michael Stanton

**THE RESPONSE
WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD**

OFFERTORY

"I Asked the Lord"

**Barb McDonough, Soloist
Arr. Lange and Duncan**

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

"Take Time to Be Holy" (Vv. 1, 3, & 4)

No. 656, brown

THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"The Majesty of Your Name"

**Candice Holsinger, Organist
Arr. Johnson**

All those who are able, please stand



ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 4, 2024

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Will be held at noon, today in the Fellowship Hall with a luncheon.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:

On February 14th, Ash Wednesday, there will be a covered dish dinner at 6:00 pm and Service at 7:00 pm.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

TAKE CARE, THE FLU AND COLD SEASON IS UPON US:

Please help keep everyone healthy. If you have a cold or flu, please consider joining us virtually or utilizing the masks available at the entrances. We all thank you.

HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES AND SOCKS:

We have been collecting hats, scarves, gloves and socks in all sizes, for our community for the winter. If you have any extras of these items please drop them off at the church office. Thank you.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lions Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

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