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The Celebration of Worship Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Psalm 63

PRELUDE

Andante in B flat
Fred Gaul, organist

W. A. Mozart

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN

Holy, Holy

Jimmy Owens



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ Lord God Al - might - y,
Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, We're so blest to be Your chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther;
Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, We're so glad that You've re - deemd us, pre - cious Je - sus;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, Come and fill our hearts a - new, _____ Ho - ly Spir - it.



And we lift our hearts be - fore You as a to - ken of our love, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
And we lift our heads be - fore You as a to - ken of our love, Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
And we lift our hands be - fore You as a to - ken of our love, Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
And we lift our voice be - fore You as a to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

*RESPONSE 406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

HOLY GROUND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GINNA TAYLOR

Faithful God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to You. Your requirements of us have been to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Yet, we conform to the standards of our world, and forget the demands of Your call upon us. Forgive our lack of kindness to those who are different than us, and our lack of humility when we are puffed up with pride. Give us the strength we need to do Your holy will — to be just, kind, and humble, as was our Lord Jesus.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

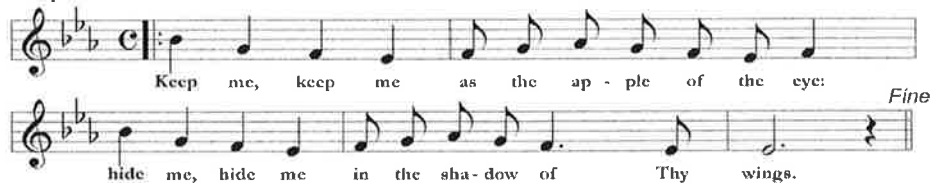
Bill McCoy and Sallie Daugherty

For Kaydence, Theron, and Alicia Raab, children of Leslie and Taylor Raab.

(Children may come forward for the baptism.)

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;
I hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:



Leader:

Keep me,

People:



Leader:

I hide me;

People:



Welcome by congregation

Kaydence, Theron and Alicia, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE (Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Bible Study.)

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Johnson

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine

J. S. Bach

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to You: immersed in scripture, constant in prayer, joyful in worship, generous in giving. Make us a loving, supportive community reaching out to those in need. Accept these gifts we offer, in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Surely the Lord is In This Place

Herbert Colvin

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven.

Surely the Lord is in this place.

The Geneva Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
EPISTLE LESSON

1 Chronicles 16:31-34; Pew Bible OT, p. 375
Romans 1: 18-23; Pew Bible NT, p. 152

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PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 22; Pew Bible NT, p. 500

Bill McCoy

SERMON

The Most Important Thing

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDECTION

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 541

God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

The Crusaders
Fred Gaul, organist

R. Volkmann

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Sam Keller for chiming the Trinity and Emma Berger and Bekah Grishaber for serving as acolytes during worship January 21.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Jeff Harlow, Amanda Hughes, Jennelle Jones

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been made to the Hunger Fund for the Glory of God and in loving memory of David S. Harper by Diane Harper, Jennifer Harper and family.

Greeters today: Bonnie Brothers, Naomi Krieg, Brian and Pam Healy

We are thankful for the gifts given this week for the Preschool Playground upgrades.

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