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All members of the congregation



The Celebration of Worship Souper Bowl Sunday

February 4, 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

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

PRELUDE

On Eagles' Wings
Paula Legge, organist

Michael Joncas

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

*RESPONSE

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Bob Cull

O - pen our eyes, Lord, We want to see Je - sus, to
 reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him,
 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.
 O - pen our eyes, Lord, We want to see Je - sus.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Gracious God, forgive us for our status-seeking tendencies that keep us from being servants, that keep us from understanding the gracious and strong humility of Jesus. Help us to remember that when circumstances in life overwhelm us and we feel powerless, Your love continues to surround us. Open our hearts, Lord, to Your constant presence.

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ginna Taylor

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

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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

There Is A Balm in Gilead

traditional spiritual

*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

We offer our gifts to You, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank You that You meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting You, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Canticle of Worship

Bayly, Wetherill

*Lord, Whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who did'st on the cross forsaken work Thy mercy's perfect deed:*

We Thy servants bring the worship not of voice alone but heart, consecrating to Thy purpose every gift Thou dost impart.

As we worship, grant us vision 'til Thy love's revealing light

In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,

Making known the needs and burdens Thy compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving Thine abundant life to share.

Called from worship unto service, forth in Thy dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.

Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,

That Thy children, Lord, in freedom may Thy mercy know and live.

The Geneva Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Pew Bible, OT, p. 174	Christian Johnson
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 1:21-28; Pew Bible, NT, p. 35	
PSALTER LESSON	Psalm 22:3; Pew Bible, OT, p. 500	Bill McCoy
SERMON	The Most Important Thing, II	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 643	Now Thank We All Our God	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		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	"Winter" from <i>The Four Seasons</i> Paula Legge, organist	Antonio Vivaldi
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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 Alicia Raab for chiming the Trinity and Amelia Keller and James Odin for serving as acolytes during worship January 28.

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: Sara Joseph, Chris Klingler, Frankie McCain

Greeters today: Sherry and Jack Harrison, Sara Joseph, Diana Rustemeyer

We are thankful for the generous gifts given this week to the Music Gift Fund.

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