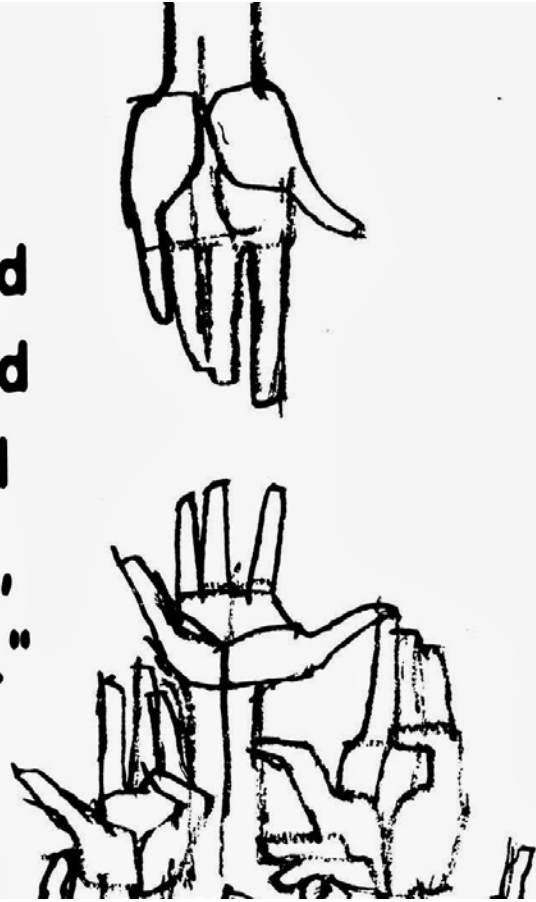


**Psalm 27:8.**  
**My heart has heard**  
**you say, "Come and**  
**talk with me." And**  
**my heart responds,**  
**"Lord, I am coming."**



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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

January 26, 2020

11:00am

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Hearts4Worship Lead Us in Musical Praise

## DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

**Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

### **Gathering Prayer:**

God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Prelude:**

### **Call to Worship:**

God calls the simple, the weak, the powerless.

**God's weakness is stronger than our strength;**

**God's foolishness is wiser than our wisdom.**

God calls the hopeless; the least, the lost the lonely.

**God's tenderness chooses us in spite of our needs.**

**God's righteousness saves us in spite of our fears.**

God calls each of us to the grace of the cross.

**God is the source of our life. Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "The Church's One Foundation"  
(Prayer Concerns Collected)

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## AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

### **\*Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

**\*Prayer of Confession****Unison**

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

**\*Time of Silent Confession****\*Declaration of Forgiveness****Unison**

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**Gloria Patri:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

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**Our Faithful Response:** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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**Time With Young Disciples****LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:****Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **Matthew 4:12-24**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

**Sermon:** “Are There Dust Bunnies Under Your Couch?” **The Rev. Leslie Latham**

## **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

**Unison**

**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.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

People of God, the Lord has given us so much. Let us praise the Lord through our gifts for the uplift of God's kingdom.

### **Offertory:**

**\*Praising God's Goodness - Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**Unison**

**Receive, O God, the fruits of our labor and with these gifts accept the offering of our lives. Unite us with Christ that we may share in his ministry and glorify you. Amen.**

### **ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "Go to the World"

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**\*Benediction:**

**\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

### **WORSHIP AIDS:**

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.**

**Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church**

**Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.**

**Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.**

### **New Prayer Concerns or Joys**

1. Nancy Bassett is doing much better.
2. Tom Peasland is going to the Hospice facility in Cheektowaga.
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**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Prayers for the people affected by the earth quakes in Puerto Rico; prayers for everyone affected by the fires in Australia; prayers for our country; prayers for John, neighbor of Janet/Jacob Haacker; and UCC Zion Pastor, Elizabeth Duffy's brother.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott Greenawalt; Pat & Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra; Judy Geerkin; Paul Card; Nadia; Doris Carlson; Bonnie Bringhurst; Marlene Tyrrell; Deal Kowsky; Bonnie Zimmer; Mary Jo; Shirley Hagle; Jackie; Denis Luzuriaga, Michael, Maras Family, Katie, DeSain & Fluellen Families, Brett, Diane and Bob Eshelman and family, Mary and Norma Bender, Nancy Bassett, Humphrey Family, Scott Bradley, Kay Knight, Tom Peasland, and Michael Harrington.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.  
We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Sue Schurr

**GREETERS:** The Tasevski Family

**USHERS:** Team 4

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**Soup & Bread Luncheon: Sunday, February 9 at 12:15pm**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Soup & Bread Luncheon held right after worship. Stay tuned for more details.

**Adult Bible Study: Sunday, February 16 – 12:15pm**

The Adult Bible Study will meet the THIRD Sunday of the month at 12:15pm. Feel free to bring a lunch or snack for yourself. For questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

**Hunger Sunday: February 16**

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

**Memory Lane Respite Program: Tuesday, February 18**

The Memory Lane Respite Program will be held from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you know of someone that may benefit from this program, please contact one of the Respite team members. If you would like to volunteer, stop by and see what the program is all about or contact Mike Donovan. Fun for all!

**Service of Healing and Blessing: Wednesday, February 19**

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. This is a "come as you are" service, includes communion, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness in their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

**Ash Wednesday Potluck and Worship Service: Wednesday, February 26**

There will be a Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, February 26 at 6pm; so bring a dish to pass and enjoy some fellowship. The dinner will be followed by a communion/worship service at 7:15pm.

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<b>26</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a	<b>27</b> AA 9a  CE 6p Session 7p	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>31</b> UFO 7p	

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