



A Service for the Worship of God

10:30 a.m. *The Season of Epiphany* February 16th, 2025

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Luyang Liu

Greetings and Welcome

Leader: The gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(A special welcome to our guest preacher Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil.)

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer based on Psalm 103: 1-4

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is in me bless God's holy name.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

One: For our God forgives our iniquities and heals our diseases.

All: Our God redeems our lives from darkness and crowns with love and mercy.

*Opening Song "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)" by Benton Brown

Call to and Prayer of Confession

One: Psalm 73 confesses: "Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped." Let us now confess to God our own stumbles and slips.

All: Savior, You are indeed the source of all that is good. You have created this world and set us in your garden. You have shown us the blessings of living a life of justice and peace. You have reminded us to turn from evil and told us to love as you love. We turn to you now to ask for your love and forgiveness. Our feet have stumbled and strayed from your paths. Our steps have slipped and we have fallen into patterns of doubt and fear. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us and give us the strength and courage to follow the example of your son, our Savior.

Silent Prayer

Recent Prayer Requests

Families as they grieve: The family of Ellie Kramps, Linwood Bagby and his family, Richard B. Watson, Linda Macari's uncle; the family of Jean B. Trumpf, the family of Dorothy (Dorie) Ledesma, Theodosia Ashie and her family; the family of Betty Zwicky, the family of Doug Clausen, Janet Scho and her family, The Miller family; the families of Ross Charnock, Emily Sena, Judy Walsh, Rob and Roseanne Lindemann. We pray for Elsi Madi, friend of the Macaris; Eyad and Kristina Khalifeh and Raine Grace Khalifeh, Jillian Knetchtel's mother, Susanne Stamm, Cena Pollit, Marcie Pollit, The DeFazio Family, Mary Jankowski, Bill Murphy, the Herrlich family, Betty Gustafson, Liz Henderson, Betty Sharret, Jeannie, friend of MaryAnn Miller; Jim Tway, Rev. Charlie and Mary Sutton, the people in countries at war. If there are matters of concern or thanksgiving you would like included in our prayers or if you would like a name removed from the list, please fill out the prayer request portion of the connection card and put them into the offering or contact Lindsay at Fanwoodpres@gmail.com.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God hears our cries for forgiveness. God holds before us the sacrifice of love in Christ Jesus. God restores us to relationships of grace and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song Of Praise “Hallelujah Anyway” by Matt Maher

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. (or Peace be with you. or Peace.)

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Hearing God’s Word

Children’s Message

(The children, preschool through fifth grade, may leave for church school after the message.)

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, as we read the teachings of your Beloved, help us to hear in them new ways to walk in your ways and do your will. Amen.

Message “Blessings...Or Not!”

including a reading of Luke 6: 17-27

Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil

Responding to God’s Word

Offering Song “When I Fall” by Katy Nichole

Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

Sent Out by God’s Word

***Sending Hymn 472** “O Sing to the Lord”

After the 3rd verse, you are invited to sing the first verse again in Spanish.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Luyang Liu

Welcome to the Worship of God!

Welcome! We hope the service touched your heart and spoke to your mind. Let us know how we might ever be of service. Feel free to call Pastor Ken at 732-501-6373 if you ever need assistance, have suggestions or just need a prayer.

Your ushers today are Barry Gustafson and Todd Moyle.

Office Hours, Week of February 17th:

Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 - 1:00

Wednesday: 9:00 - 2:00

Updated Worship Schedule

2/23 Linwood Bagby, 3/2 Ken Macari

We look forward to the arrival of our Interim Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Stacy Smith!

She will join us in early March.