

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 16, 2022

8:30 am

11:00 am

Prelude - Blessed Jesus at Thy Word (Hymn No. 596) - J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Though darkness has covered the whole earth,
a thick darkness covering all peoples,
People of God, arise and shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Opening Hymn No. 191 - Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."
(Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
(Refrain)

Invocation

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the gospel to every creature, let your name be great among the nations from the rising up of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:4-15 (New Testament page 67/63)

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out,

'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand."

'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Hymn #400) - Zach Unke

Sermon - *Dixie Cup Faith*

Rev. Jon Priebe

Hymn of Response No. 596 - Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee,
by thy teachings sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee soley.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart;
help us by thy spirit's pleading;
hear the cry thy people raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Discipleship Moment

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.

Prayers of the People 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No. 128 - He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude -Prelude and Fugue in C Major - J. S. Bach



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

Altar Guild: Carol Lewis, Elizabeth Stroud

Music: One License A-731491

NOTES

New Church Sign? Next Sunday, January 16, Rev. Priebe will hold a brief meeting after the 11:00 worship service to share information and answer questions about the new sign being considered. It will also be live-streamed for those who can't make it in person. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to attend or call Rev. Priebe.

Pledge Cards: If you have not yet turned in your 2022 pledge card, please do so by either dropping it in the drop box in the breezeway, or bring it to Sunday morning worship. The pledges allow us to continue to do kingdom work here on Earth by funding the upkeep of the physical building, mission projects and outreach, spiritual formation and growth, worship, along with our numerous choral and musical programs and much more. If you are unable to stop by church to drop your pledge card off, please call our Financial Officer, Nancy Yeager, Ext. 216, and she can take your pledge information over the phone!

Upcoming Adult Discipleship Opportunities: Due to the rise in the omicron strain of COVID, we are going to postpone the start of our classes until the first Sunday of February. The "Ministry By Strength" class will be at 5:45 pm, with our plan at this time to meet in person. "Disciple Like Jesus" will also meet at 5:45 pm - at this time we are still deciding whether it will be an in person class or a virtual class. If you are interested, please contact Karol with your preference.

Children's Ministries: As we are following the information on the health situation in the area, we are making some difficult but necessary decisions about the children's programs in the coming weeks. We have decided to postpone ROCK, including the bell and choir programs, Sunday School and Children's Worship until February 6.

Heart4theCity Needs Your Help! Our current project is to collect coats for children and youth. Heart4theCity wants to help these children who don't have proper winter clothing. Can you help? From now through January we will be collecting (in the bins by the offices) new or gently used coats for all age children and youth. Check your closets or go to the stores. Please help as you can.

Altar Flowers: We are now taking orders for altar flowers in 2022. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 210.

Next Steps

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRAYER BULLETIN

January 16, 2022

MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller

HOSPITALIZED:

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Jean Finnegan	David Potter
Bob Ahonen	Rose Gregory	Robby & Lou Robinson
Shirley Asher	Joyce Haberkost	Kathi Sawyer
Alice Becher	Jim Henes	Linda Sterling
Jim Beebe	Dr. Jim Lewis (Patsie)	Kay Steiner
Berhman family	Isabel Lindsey	Michael Taucher
Donna Copeland	Lavinia McIntyre	Jim Vogel
Don Corbett		Marty Winget

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Ken and Dorothy Bates and family on the death of their daughter, member Brenda Pennino on 12/26.

Tom, Jim and Mike Zrelak on the death of their mother, member Kathy Zrelak on 12/18.