

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 a.m.

February 13, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Thee We Adore - Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!

Opening Hymn No. 79 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vs. 1-4)

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Invocation

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading

Luke 12: 22-31 (New Testament page 74/70)

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - 8:30 - *Think on These Things* - Mark Patterson

11:00 - *If You Search With All Your Heart* – Craig Courtney

Sermon - *No Hamster Lives Forever*

Pastor Mike Ward

Hymn of Response No. 130 - *God Will Take Care of You*

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain:

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

(Refrain)

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.

(Refrain)

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. 381 - Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to thee.

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Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 143)

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Postlude -Coronation - Charles Callahan



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given:

In memory of Lynn Schrier, by Cynthia Schrier and Family

Service Music: 8:30 - Epworth Choir; Phil Lantry, piano; Greg Fiocca, cello; 11:00 - Chancel Choir

Liturgist: 8:30 - Kennedie Ward; 11:00 - Kim Yoak

Altar Guild: Carol Lewis, Elizabeth Stroud

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Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

CHURCH NOTES

Charge Conference: There will be a charge conference next Sunday, February 20, immediately following the 11:00 service. All members are invited to attend. The purpose of it is to vote on 3 candidates to fill vacancies on the Trustee and Finance committees.

Adult Discipleship Classes: Our new adult discipleship classes "Ministry By Strength" have begun and will meet in person on Sunday's at 5:45 pm. Please go to the church website, or call the church office and sign up. The cost is \$20 for your top 5 strengths or \$49 to get all 35. We will also begin a "Disciple Like Jesus" class that week either in person or on zoom. Please contact Pastor Karol with your preference ASAP. We are targeting Sunday at either 4pm or 5:45pm if that works for folks. We hope you will be able to join us.

Wesley Mission Trip: All 4th - 6th graders are invited to attend the mission "trip" on Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19. On Friday we will be at the church from 6 - 8 pm for dinner, devotions, an overview of Saturday, and other activities. Then on Saturday, the church bus will leave at 7:30 am for "Canton For All People" where we will serve at the Fresh Food Market and help at the Free Store. That will be followed by lunch and an afternoon at the North Canton Skate and Entertainment Center. Pick up at the Center will be at 4 pm or at the church at 4:30 pm. The cost for the weekend is \$40 and **you must register no later than today, February 13.**

Children's Activities: All children's activities have resumed including: Sunday School for all ages from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and Children's Worship during the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be child care for children up to age 3 during Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It will also be available from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. each week for those parents participating as helpers with the evening's activities or in Adult Discipleship classes.

ROCK... will return with some changes: Music Rehearsals from 4 – 5 p.m. (Those children who play bells or chimes need to talk with Dean Wagner about their availability.) Dinner at 5:00 p.m. – the cost has gone up to \$3 per child and \$4 per adult. Rock rotation will take place from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. which means that the evening will end thirty minutes early at 6:30 p.m. February 20 is also being added back into the schedule as the Wesley Trip will end on Saturday.

Hat & Mitten Mission: Winter has definitely arrived, and there are people in our community that do not have winter hats or gloves/ mittens. Please consider donating new winter hats/gloves/mittens, or even socks to help those that are in need. Donated items may be dropped off on the missions table located outside the church library. IF you would like to place the items on the line near the corner of Portage Trail & 3rd street, please place the items in ziplock baggies and put one of the mission cards (located on the missions table) in the bag.

Blessing Box: Our blessing box continues to live up to its name by helping those in our own community with needed items. We are in need of the following items: personal hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc. Dry goods, ramen noodles, canned soups, granola bars, all continue to be needed. Please do not donate items in glass jars/ bottles, as the cold can cause the glass to shatter and possibly hurt someone. The donation table is located outside the church library, or you may place the items in the box yourself.

Altar Flowers: We are still 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

²² He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

For life is more than _____, and the body more than _____.

²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.

Of how much more value are you than _____!

Can any of you by worrying add _____ to your span of life?

²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

³¹ Instead, strive for _____, and these things will be given to you as well.

Questions for Reflection: What causes you to worry? Have these things changed as you have grown older? Has worrying about the things of your life solved any problems? Are your worries caused by internal or external sources (self-caused or by trying to "keep up with the Jones's as examples)? Do you carry a wallet that won't last, or do you carry a kingdom wallet? How do you calm down when you feel worry starting to build up? Can you trust the creator of the universe to provide for you?

Questions for Discussion: What does Jesus say about worry? How does Jesus expect us to give up this natural tendency? What does it mean to seek God's kingdom? What is this kingdom all about? God doesn't ask us for something without offering something else in return. When we seek the kingdom, what does God promise us?

Memory Verse: ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying

Readings for Next Week: Genesis 1:26- 2:3, Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40, 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50, Luke 6: 27-38

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MINISTERS & STAFF:

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MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

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Donna Copeland	Isabel Lindsey	Ken Tunstall
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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Dorothy Light and family on the death of her daughter-in-law, Julie Light on 2/11.

Keith Winget and family on the death of his wife, member Marty Winget on 2/4.

Tim and Leigh Potokar and family on the death of their son, member Matthew on 2/8.

Dorothy Light and family on the death of her brother, Derek Collins on 1/31.

Rosalie Goshen and family on the death of her sister, Valarie Seese on 2/2.

