

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 a.m.

February 6, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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*Prelude - Meditation on Jesus* (Hymns 189 & 175) - Dean Wagner

***Call to Worship***

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord.**

***Invocation***

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn No. 626 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood;  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

**PROCLAMATION**

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

## ***Scripture Reading***

Luke 10:25-37 (New Testament page 71/67)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

## ***God's Word for Young Disciples***

### ***Anthem***

8:30 - *From an Upper Room* - Joseph Martin

11:00 - *It is Well With My Soul* - John Ness Beck

***Sermon*** - *Love is... Putting Others First*

Rev. Karol Lewis

### ***Apostles' Creed***

**We 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Discipleship Offering***

### ***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.**

### ***Invitation***

### ***Confession and Pardon***

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Pray in silence)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proved God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

### ***Communion***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING FORTH**

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

### ***Closing Hymn No. 384 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,

set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***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*** - *March on the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* - Brenda Portman



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

**Altar Guild:** Carol Lewis, Paulette Wagner

**Musicians:** 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

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## CHURCH NOTES

**Children's Activities:** All children's activities are scheduled to restart as normal today, February 6. This means there is in-person Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m., music and bell ensemble rehearsals at 4:00 and dinner and ROCK activities from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Please note that ROCK will end at 6:30 p.m. from now on and the cost of dinner has increased to \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults. There is no Children's Worship today because it is Communion Sunday and we would like the children to share that experience with their families. Children's Worship will resume as normal next Sunday.

**New Class Tonight!** The "Ministry By Strength" class will begin this evening at 5:45 pm in the parlor. cost is \$20 for your top 5 strengths or \$49 to get all 35. Even if you've not signed up, you're welcome to join us - just come on down!

**Wesley Mission Trip:** All 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the mission "trip" on Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19. On Friday you 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 you 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 be registered no later than Sunday, February 13.

**Items Wanted For Mission Trip:** We are collecting clothes, toiletries, and feminine hygiene items to take to Canton For All People. If you have anything you'd be willing to donate, please bring it to the church by Friday, February 18.

## Next Steps

### Everything I Needed to Know I Learned in Sunday School

#### Love Is . . . putting others first

Our GPS directs us as disciples how to love G \_\_\_\_\_, P \_\_\_\_\_, S \_\_\_\_\_

We are to love God with all our H \_\_\_\_\_, S \_\_\_\_\_, S \_\_\_\_\_ and M \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus showed us the fullest expression of love on the \_\_\_\_\_

The self-sacrificing love Jesus showed us is putting \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

The core of this parable is to \_\_\_\_\_ them anyway

We are \_\_\_\_\_ because we are created in God's image

Sermons can help us to be \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions for Reflection:** What would it mean for you to really love God with your whole being? How is God calling you to love everyone? What is the difference between loving yourself in a Godly manner and being self-absorbed by love of self?

**Questions for Discussion:** When is it hard to love others? Who is it hard for you to love? When is it hard to love yourself? What are the obstacles that keep you from loving God with your whole heart, soul, strength and mind?

**Memory Verse:** Luke 10:27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

**Readings for this week:** Acts 17:22-28; Philippians 2:1-8, Genesis 1:26-31

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –  
PRAYER BULLETIN  
February 6, 2022**



**MINISTERS & STAFF:**

Forrest Waller

**HOSPITALIZED:**

Dr. Jim Lewis (Patsie) - Akron City

**MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:**

Scott Adie	Jean Finnegan	Robby & Lou Robinson
Bob Ahonen	Dave Gohr	Kathi Sawyer
Shirley Asher	Rose Gregory	Dick Shoults
Alice Becher	Joyce Haberkost	Linda Sterling
Behrman family	Jim Henes	Kay Steiner
Donna Copeland	Isabel Lindsey	Kelly Taylor
Don Corbett	Pat Park	Ken Tunstall
Bill Dreyer	David Potter	Jim Vogel

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

Judy Jesson & family on the death of her sister, Dee Vittorella on 1/28.

Jerry Kusar & family on the death of his father, Jerry Kusar on 1/28.

Family of member Eleanor Frantz on her death on 1/26.

Sue and Bob Boltz and family on the death of her mother, Betty Mutchler, on 1/13.