



Sunday, February 20, 2011
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude		Betty Jane Kelley
Welcome		
Call to Worship		
Silent Recognition of God's Presence		
Hymn No. 206	"Our Father God, Thy Name We Raise	HYMNAL
Welcoming of One Another		
Scripture Reading:	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18	
Prayers of the People		
Kingdom Chorus	"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"	
Missional Moment:	Lighthouse Music Program	
Prayer of St. Francis		
Consecration Chorus	"Every Road"	
Prayers of Thanksgiving		
Offertory Meditation	"Come, All Christians Be Committed"	arr. Larsen
	Dan Gibbs, Piano	
Doxology	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	Old 100th
"Loving Your Enemies" Film		
Message:	"Loving Your Enemies with Holy Mischief"	
Communion		
Hymn No. 281	"We've A Story to Tell the Nations"	
Benediction		
Postlude		Betty Jane Kelley

Always forgive your enemies. Nothing annoys them so much.
--Oscar Wilde

The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend.
--Abraham Lincoln

He who seeks vengeance must dig two graves: one for his enemy and one for himself.
--Chinese Proverb

Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence, but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Matthew 5:38-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Reading from the Old Testament: Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Announcements

Highland Parade Float--decorate the float this Saturday, 9AM, at the Flint's, 232 Forest.

Highland Parade Watching Party--Sunday, March 6, 2:00 PM, here at the Highland Center.

Common Meal, Common Prayer--Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. This is a time of sharing a meal together as well as saying the Common Prayer Evening Prayer together. Meal this week: Crawfish Fettucini and plain Fettucini (meal is homemade and free).

Youth Bowling Night--this Friday, All Star Bowling (Mansfield Road), 7:00-9:00 PM.

Pot Luck Dinner--Sunday, February 27, 5:30 PM (downstairs) For more information, contact Carey Weeks (Community Life Leader) on the City.

Ash Wednesday Service--Wednesday, March 9, 6:00-7:00 PM.

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