

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

10:30 AM Worship

*At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your cell phones and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.* ***Bolded text******is read or sung by all.***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**COME**

Voluntary Berceuse                                    J.M. Damase Stephanie Blaha, *horn*

\*Call to Worship          Steve Harp

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

\*Hymn 303  Jesus, Lover of My Soul     ABERYSTWYTH

**ENCOUNTER**

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy, apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ. And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up. Open our eyes, that we may see you in the ones we say we love. Open our ears, that we may be quicker to listen than to speak. Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors. Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists. Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way. We pray trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness for your name’s sake. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying, **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass to those seated near you. If you are the last person to sign on that page, please tear it out and leave it on the pew for the ushers to pick-up after the service.*

Offertory Precious Lord, Take My Hand    arr. Roy Ringwald

Soloist:  Stacy Franzmann

Text:  *Hymnal p. 404*

\*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all**

**creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples First Sunday Food Collection

*Following the Time with Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 3rd graders are invited to children’s choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the Education Building and 4th-8th graders will meet in the Pastor’s Study annex for bell choir rehearsal. The children will meet at the Sanctuary door on the lectern side and someone will take the children to their appropriate classrooms so that parents may not miss the readings and sermon. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship.*

**GROW**

Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson  Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Pew Bible, Old Testament  Pg. 582

\*Hymn 212  Within Your Shelter, Loving God              ABBEY

The Second Lesson   Isaiah 40:21-31 Pew Bible, Old Testament Pg. 668

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

Sermon         Choosing to Trust  The Reverend Jon Hauerwas

**SERVE**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith, leads us into truth, and helps us to pray, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. Sent by the Spirit, the church is thrust into the world, ambassadors of God’s peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away, into science and art, media and marketplace - every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.**

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 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.**

\*Hymn 275 God of Our Life       SANDON

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary     Allegro 1 and 2 from *Sonata No. 3* Benedetto Marcello

***Welcome to our worship this morning!***

*Join us for coffee, fellowship and birthday cake*

*in Wright-Herberich Hall after worship today.*

USHERS this morning are Cindy Beidler (head usher), Mike Hale, Sandy Gruneich, and Bonnie and John Childs.

TWEEN USHERS are assisting in worship today.

THE WHITE ROSE IN THE CHANCEL is in memory of Dawne Crotts, a member of Westminster who died on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in Cuyahoga Falls at the age of 106. A service, led by Pastor Hauerwas, will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 6.

THE RED ROSE IN THE CHANCEL is in honor of Samuel Julius Gilbert, son of Rob and Bridget Gilbert, born Friday, January 26, 2018. Everyone is doing well!

THE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY cake is given by Marian Wahl in honor of all those who have birthdays in February.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. Please ask an usher.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available. Please ask an usher.

CHILDREN’S BIBLES AND ACTIVITY BOXES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher.

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During worship today, the adult choir will perform *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* which is reported to have been The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s. favorite hymn. Wednesday’s Evotional was a reprint of an article written about Dr. King’s final words. Contact the church office if you would like to be added to our weekly Evotional email list.

**COME - ENCOUNTER - GROW - SERVE**

DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE, you are always welcome to bump elbows rather than shake hands. We understand that this concern is particularly timely during the cold and flu season. However, remember not to take it personally if others prefer an elbow bump or a simple nod at any point in the year.

SUB PICK UP If you preordered a super sub from the youth group please stop by Wright-Herberich Hall TODAY to pick up your sub. Thank you to all who helped make this fundraiser a success for the youth. They will have a limited number of extra 12” subs available for purchase for $12.00 each. If your subs are not picked up by 12:30 p.m., they will be donated to Haven of Rest Ministries.

THE MEN'S CLUB will meet at the Olive Garden in Montrose on February 12. We meet at 11:30 a.m. All men of Westminster are welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet Monday, February 12 to discuss *Origin* by Dan Brown, led by Cathy Melver. Join us in the church library.

LENT is starting soon. Join us for Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. We have a family-friendly service planned where ashes will be distributed.

JOIN THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE for a lunch, speaker and discussion on the *Opiate Crisis* on Sunday, February 25 directly following worship. We will have a simple lunch of soup and listen to our speaker Mr. Andy Davis, MSEd, LPCC-S, a Clinical Supervisor for Catholic Charities of Summit County and a member of the Summit County Opiate Task Force present an overview of the opiate crisis in our community and provide suggestions for how we can help.

TIME AND TALENT STEWARDSHIP SURVEY Inserted into this week’s bulletin is a survey. Just as we collected pledges for stewardship, we would now like to create a list of the ways our members and regular attenders can serve their church. Are you a plumber that can install a new faucet, a graphic artist that can create a flyer or an organizer who wants to plan a simple event for the church? Each person is an important part of this congregation’s puzzle, but we need to know how you want to fit in! Please respond and tell us how ***you*** *want to minister* at Westminster.

***Calendar of Church Building Events***

***for February 4– February 11, 2018***

**Sunday, 2/4:**

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship/First Sunday Food Collection (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee and fellowship (WHH/Kitchen)

11:30 am Bible Story Room Teachers Meeting

11:30 am Youth Sub Pick-Up (Wright-Herberich Hall)

**Monday, 2/5:** No activities planned

**Tuesday, 2/6:**

7:00 pm Outreach Meeting (Room 106)

**Wednesday, 2/7:**

4:00 pm Bridges Out of Poverty/Circles (WHH/Kitchen/Library)

4:15 pm Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, 2/8:**

8:00 am Eye-Opener Bible Study (Room 106)

9:30 am Staff Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm League of Women Voters (Room 106)

**Friday, 2/9:** No activities planned

**Saturday, 2/10:** No activities planned

**Sunday, 2/11:**

9:00 am Child Care Center opens

9:15 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

9:30 am Education for all ages

10:30 am Worship/Communion (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Coffee, fellowship and birthday cake (WHH/Kitchen)

7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting #2 (Tween Room)

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

* We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
* You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
* We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
* Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY DEADLINE for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Wednesday at noon.

APRIL/MAY 2018 SCRIPT will be distributed on Sunday, March 25, 2018. The Script will cover activities between March 25 – May 27, 2018. Please have all articles turned into the office by noon on Wednesday, March 14 by email to gwilson1250@gmail.com.

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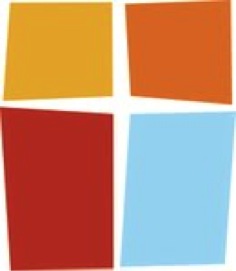
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