

January 23, 2022
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Supply Pastor: The Rev. Dave Lutcher
Worship Order
9:30 AM

+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of our Desiring (Werde Munter) – Percy Whitlock

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CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church's ministry;

quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: 1710, arr. Julius Rontgen

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE All glory be to God on high



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
praise you for your glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time (indicated by a 'C'). The music features eighth-note patterns and several measures of sustained notes. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia,' are repeated twice, with a slight variation in the second repetition where the last note is held longer. Measure numbers 1 through 10 are present above the staff.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. David Lutcher

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 563 O Light whose Splendor thrills

O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens with radiance brighter than the sun,
pure gleam of God's unending glory, O Jesus, blest Anointed One:

In all life's brilliant, timeless moments, let faithful voices sing your praise,
O Son of God, our life bestower, whose glory lightens endless days.

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Music: Clement C. Scholefield

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NICENE CREED

With people of all times and places, we join in professing our faith in God.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Toccata in F major – Johann Pachelbel

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 551 The Spirit sends us forth to serve

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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Music: attr. Thomas Haweis

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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Richmond – Healey Willan

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Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:
Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, Kenny Nace, Ann Brown Hager,
David Mounts, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, David and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater, Leanne
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Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Kathy Lasso, Theresa Hasson, Tal Umstead, Deb Romig, Jared
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Derstine, Brian Derstine, Andrew Robison, Jeff Hart, Margaret Simon, Hailey Mientus and Gary
Battersby.

We are grateful to Pastor Dave Lutcher for leading our worship this morning. Pastor Dave Lutcher retired in 2019 and lives in Souderton. He recently served as Bridge Pastor at St. Paul's, Telford and continues to serve part-time as Visitation Pastor at St. Andrew's, Audubon. You may also see him at the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs as one of the hospitality ushers.

Mark your Calendar

Monday, Jan 24	7:30pm Executive Meeting
Tuesday, Jan 25	7:30pm Small Group Study on Zoom
Friday, Jan 28	2-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, Jan 29	Council Retreat
Sunday, Jan 30	8:45am Faith Formation (pre K-gr.5) 9:30am Worship (and zoom) 10:30am New Member Small Group

STAR Words are available in the narthex and the parlor. Pick up yours today.

Tal Umstead was hospitalized for almost two months this fall after he lost all feeling in his body from his chest down. Check out the meal train page for Tal and his wife Kelly to read more about his medical journey and how you can support the family at this time. To access the meal train go to <https://mealtrain.com/3d3qe8>

One of the biggest supports for Tal will be the prayerful support of his congregation, so feel free to send your love and support to Tal and Kelly with a card.

**Tal and Kelly Umstead
1044 Soffa Road
East Greenville, PA 18041**

Cards and meals are simple yet tangible ways we can support those going through difficult times. Thank you for being part of this ministry!

Blood Drive at St. John's on Friday, January 28th from 2pm—7pm
Sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org

Small Group Conversation: Galatians – starting Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 PM
Martin Luther called Paul's letter to the Galatians "my Katie von Bora." Paul's conviction that we are justified (made right with God) by grace through faith in Christ is central to Luther's theology, so it makes sense that he would think of this New Testament letter with the same intimacy and affection he felt for his wife. Join Pastor Becky as we explore the book of Galatians in conversation with Luther, who was a biblical scholar as well as a church reformer.

St. John's Goes Bowling!

Are you missing hanging out with your St. John's family? We are, too!
Join us at Earl Bowl on Morwood Rd in Telford for an afternoon of bowling!
Sunday, February 6th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
The cost is \$10 per bowler (shoe rental included) for two hours of bowling. Food can be purchased or brought in (anything but pizza!).
Earl Bowl does not require masking inside the bowling alley, but you are certainly welcome to mask if you feel more comfortable doing so.
For any questions, please contact Pastor Becky at the church office (215-234-4888)
To sign up for this event so we can reserve enough lanes, please go to the sign up genius link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFD0-stjohns>