

CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
and the United Methodist Church
The Reverend Casey Bradley, Pastor
Alice Mahardy, Organist & Choir Director
ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 16, 2022, 9:15 am

Prelude

Welcoming

Call to Worship

Leader: Sit back, find comfort, embrace restfulness. This is a season to rebuild what has been broken, to heal what has been hurt, to restore what we thought we had lost.

People: Lord, see the emptiness deep in our soul, fill us with goodness.

Leader: Notice the beating of your heart, the filling and emptying of your lungs. This is a season to take notice of all that you are.

People: Lord, feel the brokenness deep in our soul, heal us with love.

Leader: Become aware of your surroundings, notice the patterns and movements of life that pass you by. This is a season to draw close to one another, and in doing so, find yourself drawing closer to God.

People: Lord, you are our foundation, our rock, and our sustenance in a weary land; remind us that we who were restless can find perfect rest in you.

Opening Hymn: Near to the Heart of God 472

Announcements

Time with God's Children: The Heavy Burden

Choral Anthem

Prayer of Confession

Lord, our souls are restless until they find rest in you. Wonderful God, we come in confession today as a people who have neglected the care of our soul. We need a fresh start, but Lord we don't know what that looks like. We need to get back to the basics of our faith, but we don't know where to start. Lord, remind us of the joy of simply sitting at your feet where we can learn to live in the embrace of your grace. Help us to get out of the hecticness of the lives we cherish, so that we can get to the simplicity of being in your holy presence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon with the Gloria Patri (Hymnal #70)

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 2:24-25

Hymn: It Is Well with My Soul 377

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon: Soul Reset—How Is It with Your Soul

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

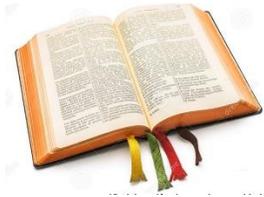
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Blessing the Offering (offerings can be placed in our offering box in the rear of the sanctuary or using our online giving platform at rschurchofchristuniting.com)

Hymn: Here I Am, Lord 593

Benediction



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Annual reports are coming due  
for the meeting on January 30

## INFORMATION PAGE – January 16, 2022

- + To Our Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, welcome and thank you! We hope you will sign the guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Please include your preferred contact information. We hope that you will also join us for the fellowship time that follows the service. Thanks again for being with us. May God bless and keep you and yours!
- + Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available.
- + Every Sunday – SUNDAY SCHOOL – starting Sept 12th
- + Every Monday 2:00pm – PRAYER SHAWL & QUILTING
- + Every Monday, Wed & Friday, 9:00am – EXERCISE CLASS
- + Sunday, January 30: **SOUPer Bowl for Hunger:** Fellowship Hall, immediately after church services. Containers of soup and sandwich spread will be sold for take-out only. Proceeds to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and designated specifically for Kentucky Relief. Thanks! ---Carla
- + Guild meeting – not until March 17

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January 30

JANUARY 16, 2022 READER: Ross Jones  
USHER: Donna Jones

### ~~~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~~~

Joan Ames, The Amyotte family, Lindsay Barton, Janet Bobnick, Raymond Bownds, Joanne & Richard Brown, Pat Walsh Cole, Larry Davis, Jenna Desmarais, Shirley Dreis, Ray Fochee, Dean Gardner, Fred Gardner, Frank Harte, Oakley Ann Iverson, Dayton Kane, Linda Klink, Jan Lalor, Lindsey Lucas, Maryanna Maniscalsco, Dawn Myers, Les Olmsted, Ann Pawlowski and family, Marty Phillips, Melissa Santos, Heather Seamon, Clara Shypski, Barb Sluyter, Pam Smith, Tim Snyder, Dustin Testa, Linda Travers, Paul Varcarolis, Holly & Patricia Walsh, Jake Wells, Jason Wilbur, Mike Wolfe

## Book Study – 12 Ordinary Men!

Throughout Lent and Easter Pastor Casey will be leading a study on John MacArthur's Twelve Ordinary Men, an exploration of the 12 men who Jesus called into discipleship. The study will meet on Monday evenings at 6pm, the cost of the book will be \$12. There will be a sign up for this study on the info table starting mid-January. If you are interested, please sign up by February 13th at the latest so books can be ordered.



**SECOND MILE GIVING**  
for January



**Church World Service**

A **Daily Spiritual Practice for a Soul Reset** is on our website.

## Confirmation Class

There will be an 8-week Confirmation Class starting up in February. Traditionally, confirmation is offered to those who are between 12 and 15 years old, however because we have been unable to hold a confirmation class in the last few years we may hold an additional older-teen group depending on interest.

There will be a brief informational meeting in the Winter Chapel on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. The plan is to offer classes Sunday afternoons from 1-3 in February, March, and the first half of April before celebrating our new confirmands in worship on Easter Sunday.

For more information please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Casey either at church (315-858-1553) or on his cell (518-461-6673). If you would like to attend the informational session but are not available on the 9<sup>th</sup>, you can join a virtually via Zoom.

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