Order of Worship for Sunday, January 23, 2022 EPIPHANY 3 – YEAR C

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will take place remotely via ZOOM meeting next Sunday, January 30 at 11:00 a.m. Please watch your email for the ZOOM invitation and be sure to join. We need a quorum to meet.

Plans for worship in February will be announced at the Annual Meeting and also communicated by email.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (belated)

January 15 – Penni Farringon and James Scott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (early)

January 30 – Alla Kuznetsov

Please feel free to email prayer joys and concerns to Rev. Marie at myhansel@yahoo.com and they will be shared with the congregation as a whole so we may continue to support one another. If you wish to share a prayer concern only with Rev. Marie that request will also be honored.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley is sponsoring a Family Winter Fun Day on Saturday, February 12 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Pavilion Lodge at Ellison Park.

People are encouraged to dress warmly and bring their winter gear for skating, sledding, skiing, hiking and snow play! The lodge is reserved. Soup and bread, hot chocolate and bottled water will be served throughout the day.

There will be a brief moment for outdoor worship at noon, but otherwise it's all play!

Masking requirements and social distancing guidelines will be observed inside the lodge, and caution is urged outside as well.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come for forty minutes or four hours, but you will need to make a reservation if you plan to consume any of the free food or drinks.

Ellison Park is located on the east side of Rochester and can be reached from the Blossom Road exit off of I-590. Signs will be posted.

Questions, please call or text Rev. Jim Renfrew (585-813-2934)

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO HEAR THE MUSIC/VIEW THE VIDEO.

WHEN YOU ARE READY, CLICK ON THE BACK ARROW TO RETURN TO THE WORSHIP GUIDE.

PRELUDE – Allegro from Cello Sonata in C Major (G.6) – Luigi Boccherini https://vimeo.com/418055596

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19)

—from Jesus Sets the Table, resources by the United Church of Christ, posted on their Worship Ways website.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

With Christians across geography and across time,

Let us worship!

HYMN #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" https://vimeo.com/447345343

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day When from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear When this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind in this your oneness find: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 3

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 8:34, 2 Cor. 5:17)

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

https://vimeo.com/401722948

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive) (based on James 3)

Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Perhaps you could take some time today to send an email, make a phone call, send a card to someone who would appreciate knowing that they are loved.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ¹ (Unison)

Creator God, your Word is a gift. It is our inheritance as the people of God. We give thanks, and we ask, Holy Spirit, that you move in each one of us. Open our hearts and eyes to hear what we need to hear, to know what we ought to do, and to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Luke 4:14-30 New Revised Standard Version

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which

their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

"Who Needs Attention and Compassion Today?"
Carla Pratt Keyes, pastor of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia https://vimeo.com/662763027

PLEASE NOTE: a manuscript of today's sermon is attached for those who would prefer to read it rather than watch the video.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANTHEM "We Are the World"

RDSPD music video/ASL video project (Regional Day School Program for the Deaf)

https://vimeo.com/48394719

PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS 1

In response to our confession and pardon, to the Word being spoken, to the reminder of our communal faith, let us offer God some gifts from our lives. For it is written, "Freely you have received, freely give."

You may make an offering to the church via our church website https://jcpconthehill.org/ or by mailing your offering to the address below.

John Calvin Presbyterian Church Attn: Financial Secretary P.O. Box 103, Henrietta, NY 14467

*RESPONSE #34 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

https://vimeo.com/404078427

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ¹ (Unison)

Almighty God, we offer these gifts to you. May you multiply them for your glory that they be a blessing to others. We pray a special blessing on all whom these monetary gifts touch, May they know your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ¹ (Responsive)

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayers for Reta Crombe who moved into the Episcopal Church Home this past Tuesday. The home's phone #546-8400; they transfer you to the resident.

To send a card or visit: Episcopal Church Home 505 Mount Hope Avenue Reta Crombe - Room 105 Rochester, NY 14620

Visiting hours are 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visitors must wear a surgical type mask (no cloth). They have tie-on masks available. Visitors must have had a negative Covid test in the past 3 days - OR - be tested for Covid there with a test that takes about 15 minutes for result.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer request from Carol Johnson:

My brother's youngest son (Zachary Ford,36) in Texas passed away suddenly Wed. due to a problem with his heart. He was married and had not been ill, so it was quite a shock for us. I would like prayers for our Ford family.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayers for Bev Little's granddaughter Jessica whose father died by suicide. Jessica is 27, lives in Florida and is to be married in April.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayers for continued healing for Bev Little following her surgery. Bev is doing well and been declared cancer-free. Alleluia!

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayers for Joe Davis and family.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, whether it is through a cold winter sunray, the flavor of an orange, the hug of a friend, or the Bible, you are constantly revealing yourself to us in the expected and unexpected, ordinary and extraordinary. We are humbled with gratitude, that you might want to know us and that you might invite us to know you. We give you thanks.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. We pray for the tensions between Russia and Ukraine. We pray for the people of Afghanistan. We pray for Kazakhstan. Where there is violence, we pray for peace. Where there is injustice, we pray for justice. We pray for the leaders of our nation and around the world. Bless them with wisdom that comes from you and trusted advisors.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of unity, we pray for the church universal. In our diversity, may we continue to be the one body of Christ. May we take the beginning of your public ministry seriously, to care for the poor and oppressed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creator, we pray for the earth we live on. It cries out from years of abuse. We pray for those in Kentucky and Colorado and all over the world who are recovering from tornados, fires, and other natural disasters. Shake us from our slumber. Empower us to be good caretakers of all that you've entrusted to us, including land, sea, and creatures.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for those in our lives who are sick – with illness, with loneliness, with anger, with fear. We pray for them by name. . .

There is so much we do not know about prayer. But we do know that you hear us. Bless these people with comfort, with people who embody your love. May they know peace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray all these things in and through Christ our Savior who taught us to pray saying,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

*HYMN #435 "We All Are One in Mission" https://vimeo.com/50085385

We all are one in mission, We all are one in call, Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all. A single, great commission Compels us from above To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service To witness in God's name; Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same: To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united And let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission, We all are one in call, Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION1

As we walk through this season of Epiphany, know that God is with you and seeks to reveal God's goodness to you in both small and incredible ways. May our Lord bless you with the eyes to see the ways God loves you this week, for you are incredibly loved.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and abide with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE noncerto 70.2 Kaleïo – Palestrina: Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Flute/flûte: Lara Deutsch, hautbois/oboe:Krisjana Thorsteinson, clarinette/clarinet: Laurence Neill-Poirier, basson/bassoon: Alita Kennedy-L'Ecuyer, cor/horn: Xavier Fortin.

Site: Parc de Griffintown St-Ann, Montréal, 21 août 2015.

https://vimeo.com/155395880

Morning Prayer ²

Delivering God, you have safely brought me to this new day. Keep me free from all dangers, perils, and troubles. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen my focus as I seek to follow Christ and to humbly serve your truth. Amen.

Evening Prayer ²

Redeeming God, by your mighty hand you have safely brought me to this night, and for this and all other mercies, I give you thanks. Post your angels around me this night that I may rest in peace. Amen.

¹Presbyterian Outlook 2022, 1/23/2022, liturgy written by Rose Shrott Taylor and provided for free distribution

²Feasting on the Word Worship Companion-Liturgies for Year 1 – Volume 1, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long; Westminster John Knox Press

³ Book of Common Worship