

The theme for today is Prayer as Sabbath. Many of us find it impossible to observe a Sabbath day. However, our prayers may give us the same holy peace, and perspective that is Sabbath rest.

DO NOT be anxious about anything, but in EVERYTHING By prayer and supplication WITH thanksgiving, LET your requests be made known to GOD. And the peace of God, which surpasses ALL understanding, WILL guard YOUR hearts & minds in Christ Jesus.  
philippians 4:6-7

*Service for the Lord's Day*

February 24, 2019

The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

***Gathering Around the Word***

**Gathering Music**

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Supplication (Berceuse)*

Louis Vierne

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship**

from Psalm 27 and Philippians 4:7

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

**Opening Hymn 824**

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

MCAFEE

“The peace that surpasses all understanding” is available. The Apostle Paul says it comes with our prayers.

The distance we feel from God is of our own making. But God offers us repair. We pray for this repair.

The Fourth Commandment is clear. But the Sabbath has been lost to us. Perhaps God's offer of a Sabbath may now be extended in other ways.

The Apostle Paul is believed to have written these words from a Roman jail. May God grant us the peace that surpasses understanding, even in trying times!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession (*Responsive*)

**Lord, running headlong into the day's busyness has made us reckless. We are pressed and hurried, with no time but for heedless thought. Our lives are so full, but our lives are also surprisingly empty. Hear our prayer for peace. Hear our pray for rescue, and relief. We fear that our reckless, heedless ways have pulled us away from you, O God. We ask to be forgiven. Renew in us a desire for holy Sabbath. Restore us for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

## Declaration of Good News

### Response Hymn 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art  
I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
My on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
Who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

TOULON

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### *Hearing the Word*

*All Sit*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Reading for the First Covenant (*Responsive*)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Isaiah 48:18-19

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

### **Six days you shall labor and do all your work.**

But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

**Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.**

O that you had paid attention to my commandments!

**Then your prosperity would have been like a river, and your success like the waves of the sea; your offspring would have been like the sand, and your descendants like its grains.**

### Anthem

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

Wesley/Mozart/arr. Royal Stanton

### Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

**Responding to the Word**

All Stand

**Response Hymn 837**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

SHOWALTER

**Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 178, A Declaration of Faith (9.3)

**Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies. Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God’s presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see. Amen.**

All Sit

**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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Charles C. Converse

Wayne Pope, baritone

All Stand

**Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 546**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

*First and Last Verses Only*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

ST. FRANCES

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We invite you to pick up visitor’s information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

*If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children’s center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children’s activity packets are available in the narthex.*

February’s Buck  
in a Basket is  
for building a  
Preschool  
Learning Center  
Scholarship  
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### **Donate Online:**

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## *Announcements*

**USHERS:** The Thomison and Polen families

**LAY READER:** Sally Calkins

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranke@msn.com](mailto:arfranke@msn.com)

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** Ellie Osborne

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 3:** Exodus 34:29–35; Psalm 992; Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28–36 [37–43].

**THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to occur Sunday, March 3 immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving the 2019 budget and approving the adequacy of the Pastor's salary.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Shannon Dyche and Ken Royse. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

### **TODAY:**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMES TODAY.** 4:00pm - come to the kitchen. We meet today, March 3 and 10. Please keep our youth and their mentors in your prayers as they take these final steps toward becoming full members of our church!

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, February 24**

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Children's Music  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Missions  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Monday, February 25**

5:00 p.m. Community Ed Class  
7:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

### **Tuesday, February 26**

Lions' Club Pancake Day  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 27**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 28**

6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

## *Announcements (continued)*

**BUCK IN A BASKET** today will benefit our nascent Preschool Scholarship Fund. We hope to be able to help families with some financial aid as required to keep their children enrolled in our high quality Preschool. All monies given in January and February have been placed in a special fund for scholarships. We are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

**THE MISSION COMMITTEE** is moving its meeting time to the fourth Sunday (which is today!), 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided. Members should gather following worship.

**WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING?** Our Preschool Class is hearing Acts 16:1-5 and 2 Timothy 1:5-7 and learning about a family's faith. Godly Play (K-3rd) is experiencing the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13:18-23. God's Way to Live is the focus for our older elementary from Luke 6:27-38. Please read the stories at home with your children and talk about what God wants them (and you) to learn.

### **COMING UP:**

**YOUTH DINNERS:** Our Sunday night Youth Fellowship is in full swing but there are a few nights where we still need dinner provided at 5:30. If you can help that would be great; it would mean bringing dinner and eating with us if you like. Signup can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-winter1> or speak to David Clarke for more details.

**COFFEE ORDERS** Fair Trade Coffee sales will take place on Sunday, March 3rd. Need chocolate? Need coffee? Need tea? Come prepared to put in your order on that day.

**CIRCLE 3** will meet on Monday, March 4 at 11:00am at Village Manor.

**LENTEN DINNERS ARE COMING!** Beginning Wednesday March 6th with **Ash Wednesday**. Dinner will be 6:00pm with worship following at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. If you wish to join us for dinner, RSVP BY TUESDAY MARCH 5, NOON. \$8 adults, \$5 children/youth, \$20 family maximum. Beginning March 13, dinner will be served at 5:30, with our study/devotional at 6:05pm, all in Fellowship Hall. We must have RSVP's for dinner so our hospitality will be abundant. Call or email the office by noon each Tuesday. Menus will be posted soon.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAYS ARE A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!** Help will be needed with set up and clean up each week. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten> is the place to go to sign up - and if you help, YOU EAT FREE! Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

**MONDAY MORNING CLASS ANNIVERSARY EDITION** Join Dr. Robert Haynes in an exploration of our church's early history. Mondays, March 4, 11 and 18th. 10:00am in the Conference Room. His recently published book on our early history will be the general focus and copies will be available for purchase (\$20). Bring a friend!

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**THE EASTER EGG HUNT** will be Saturday April 13, 10:30am. We need individually wrapped candies. Please drop off in the office for Leslee or David.

### **OTHER NEWS:**

**LET'S CELEBRATE KINDNESS!** Write your kind act on a piece of paper and drop it in one of the red baskets (College Street entrance, 10th Street entrance and on the landing by the elevator). For example 21 people assisted with the "extra" RITI night this week. These can be anonymous submissions, acts completed at your workplace, donations to causes, or just simply a smile given to someone in need. Let's see how quickly we reach 200!

**200<sup>TH</sup> DINNER AND ADDRESSES** On Palm Sunday afternoon, April 14th our church will host a dinner to celebrate our 200th anniversary. We would like to send invitations to out of town guests. Do you know the addresses of those friends that have moved away that we should invite? Please call the church office and provide Cheryl with needed information. You can also speak to one of the committee members developing the lists: Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Sally Calkins, Karol Kirby Ahmed, Julia Roberts, and Susan Thomison.

**Our church Elders:** Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.