

6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2020 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

Prelude

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.

People: Blessed are they who keep His statutes and seek Him with
all their heart.

Pastor: They do nothing wrong; they walk in His ways.

People: You lay down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

Pastor: Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying Your decrees!

People: Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all Your
Commands.

Unison: I will praise You with an upright heart as I learn Your
righteous laws. I will obey Your decrees; do not utterly
forsake me.

*Hymn of Praise - Come and Find the Quiet Center

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (sins, sin)

WORD

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT)

I Corinthians 3:1-9 (NT)

*Gloria Patri (BH# 109)

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation (BH # 412) Be Thou My Vision

Message:

"How Can We Become One?"
Pastor Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response (BH # 595) Built on the Rock (vs. 1-3) and
(BH#414) I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Unison: God of Paul, Priscilla, Apollos, Augustine, Luther, Theresa,
Calvin, Wesley and Waldenstrom; to You we pray. We confess that
we have lost our way again and need a new reformation. We
content ourselves with easy religion 101. Tradition becomes so
comfortable that we hesitate to ask whether it is faithful or merely
cozy. Lord, let Your Word shake us up and Your Spirit renew us, so
that we may repent, have stronger faith, and never shrink from
sacrifice, in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior and
the One who makes us one.

Pastor: Let us examine our lives in silence, and confess our sins to
God.

(time of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Pastor: No matter what we have done or failed to do; God's word
comes to us in Jesus' words to a woman who had sinned: I do not
condemn you. Go and sin no more." We are released, forgiven.

Unison: United and in one voice we declare: "Thanks be to God!"

With thanksgiving, let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

*Passing of the Peace

SENDING

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dismissal (BH #435) Day by Day and with Each Passing
Moment

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Rev. Mark Westlind, SENIOR PASTOR
Pastor Alicia Reese, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Stuart Seale, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP
Betty Aardema & Nate Van Der Male, ORGANISTS
Christina Palazzolo, DIRECTOR, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL
Amanda Fulton, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL
Karen Christakos, CHURCH SECRETARY
Joe Michalowicz, CUSTODIAN

Office Hours

Pastor Mark

By appointment please

Pastor Alicia

Monday by appointment please

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 AM – 3 PM



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I Corinthians 3:1-9 (NT)

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

Prayer Concerns

Diane Bajner, The Hanson Family, Arline Mueller, Susie Raines, Lorraine Sorensen, Faith Valido, Doris Wallace.

Calendar for the Week

This Sunday: Deacon Fund Offering

10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Children's Church for Pre-K – 6th Grade

10 A.M. Worship

11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School, Fireside Room

This Week

MON.-FRI. 9 A.M.-12 P.M. Noah's Ark Preschool

Monday No School - Holiday

MON. 5:30-7 P.M. Noah's Ark Family Paint Night Fundraiser
Peterson Hall

TUES. 9:30 A.M. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Fireside Room

WED. 7 P.M. Exec Board Meeting

FRIDAY: Articles for March Newsletter Due

Next Sunday: Intergenerational Worship and Name Tag Sunday

10 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Children's Church for Pre-K – 6th Grade

February 23 Nursery Helpers: Jennifer Davies, Moira Davies

10 A.M. Worship

11:15 A.M. All February birthday's celebration, Peterson Hall

Every Kid A Camper Fundraiser Luncheon

We once again need your help in Children's Church. Usually being a teacher in Children's Church only requires about 20-30 minutes and the curriculum has been simplified to reading a Bible story that has questions built into it, a coloring page, and a snack. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with some of our younger members. If everyone took one Sunday a year to read a Bible story in Children's Church, we'd have our schedule filled for the next two years! If you can take one Sunday to read a story, please see Jen Davies, our CE Chair or email her at ce@trinityecc.org. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February Adult Sunday School

For the last week of February Carol Noren, who recently retired from teaching at North Park Seminary, will continue to teach Sunday School. Her topic is Sermon on the Mount based on the Gospel readings for February. Come and be informed and enlightened. All are welcome to attend the class at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room.

March Adult Sunday School

Dr. Paul Bischoff, retired from the Chicago Public Schools and the Central Conference as a transition interim pastor, will be returning to teach our March Adult Education class. Dr. Bischoff was here teaching this past November. The title of his presentation is "Christianity Is Jewish". The March 1st session will be on Judaism; March 8th No Class; March 15th "The Hebrew Roots of Christianity;" and on the 29th. "Theological Anti-Judaism & Racial Anti-Semitism.

Please note the March 1 class will be held at 9 AM because of the Annual Meeting following the worship service. There will be no class on the 8th but the class on the 15th and 29th will be held at 11:30 AM after the worship service ends.

Covenant Point Bible Camp – Men's Retreat

Join us! February 28 - March 1, 2020

Invite some friends out for a weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent food, meaningful conversations, and life-giving worship. Recreation opportunities include a broomball tournament, afternoon jam session (bring your own instrument), snowshoeing, cross country skiing on our groomed ski trails, sauna and polar bear dip, card games and conversations in the dining hall, and more! Pricing and details at www.cpbc.com/mensretreat. Call: 906-265-2117. Early bird discount applies if registered or postmarked by February 14.

Attention All Campers

If you would like to attend Bible camp this summer, register online at: [Covenant Point, Iron River, MI – registrar@cpbc.com](mailto:registrar@cpbc.com)
[Covenant Harbor, Lake Geneva, WI – covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org).

Payment in full is due by Sunday, March 1. A fundraiser lunch is coming soon to help defray the costs. For any questions or further information, please see Kellie Lee. Camp booklets are available in the Sunday School room.

ARC (Affordable Recovery Church) Worship Service

Worship Services are every Sunday at 5:30 at the Affordable Recovery Shelter at 13811 Western Ave in Blue Island, IL. Participating in our worship services there is a great way to support the shelter and its residents, as well as our ministry there. Please join us to support Affordable Recovery Church.

Today's Scripture:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (OT)

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.