



MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Madison Presbyterian Church

January 31, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

4th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Salvation Has Been Brought unto Us

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WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Lord God, we come before you this day asking for your peace to descend upon us. Calm our hearts, Lord. Draw us away from the distractions of this world. Help us to return to you in our time of worship. It may be your will to distract us. If it is, we will try to be ready. It may be your will to get our attention with good news; we deserve it. It is you who determine the terms of our time together.

R: Fill us with your Spirit so that whether we are meant to speak or to listen, to give or to receive, to rise or to rest, Lord, we will be ready in all circumstances to serve you. This we pray in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.³Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.⁴He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.⁸They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Remember that the Prayer of Confession is also a time of celebration. Because when you confess, you are like a newborn babe, held in the arms of God. You feel safe and protected, and you are not afraid, because God loves you. Let us confess together.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, why are we, who profess to believe in Jesus, surprised by his great works? Why are we afraid to commit ourselves or to let emotion show? We chant the familiar words of the Bible without seeing them anew—as if for the first time, like those who saw Jesus.

R: We confess today, to you our Maker, that we are guilty of complacency.

(A period of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, help us to hear your Word today as if it were freshly written.

R: Tear down our defenses; let your Word be written directly upon our hearts, and bless us with wonder. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and grants us mercy and grace. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

R: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:21-28 (See text following.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE Where Is God?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

***DOXOLOGY**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(using "debts" and "debtors")* 35

***HYMN** We Are Marching in the Light of God (See text following.)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Salvation Has Been Brought unto Us Bach

Liturgist—Dave Adams

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear

MARK 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

We Are marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Larry and Valecia Crisafulli, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, the family of Joan Knowland, Denise Leiske, Susan Ohlendorf, Beth Orrill, Desna Ratcliff, Alicia Ricketts, Pam Sandoz, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

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Family and Friends: Mark Ashbrook, Karen Ault, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Mary Jean (Woodburn) Johnson, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), James Lutes, Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Bob Rouse, Janet Savage (Cathy Owsley's sister), Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

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MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of January 31

Savannah Coffey

Mary Louise Grimes

Barry and Jenny Cook

Jacob and Emmy

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“We are part of the Family of God! As a Christian family, we seek to practice the generous hospitality of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all. As a worshipping family, we seek to enhance and expand our experience of God in worship.

As a family of Christ’s disciples, we seek to grow in our understanding of God’s grace and God’s claim upon our lives. As a mission-oriented family,

we express our faith in action. As an historic Presbyterian family in a contemporary setting, we are rooted and grounded in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we strive to remain relevant to the needs of our community.

As the joyful children of God, we live in faith, hope and love!”

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