

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate the Youth Mission Lunch on February 25th, a successful Music Ministries Benefit Concert which raised \$1100 for Lafayette Urban Ministries and Habitat for Humanity, and our church's first inter-generational Game Night. Your generosity supports all of these ministries and many others of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

The Offertory Music "Meditation on Wondrous Love" arr. H. Colvin

*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #95

*The Prayer of Dedication (*Unison*)

God of light and love, shine through our offerings this day. May they bring light to the darkness and help lead others from death into life. Transform these gifts into your glory, that they may reflect the joy of your saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*HYMN OF BENEDICTION "What Wondrous Love is This" Hymn #292

*THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Leave the shadows of your lives behind and go forth into the glorious light of God.

People: We will walk in the light of Christ.

Leader: Leave your brokenness of disobedience behind and rest in God's compassion and grace.

People: We will abide in Christ's tender mercies.

Leader: Go with the blessings of almighty God.

THE POSTLUDE "Fugue in G minor" J.S. Bach

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Karen Hull (8:30); John Polles (11:00)

Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke

Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz

PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson

Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Tom Creswell



March 11, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church,
West Lafayette, Indiana

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig LaSuer/Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Please sign the attendance pad and include your best contact information, if we don't already have it. This is especially important for our guests so that we can appropriately take note of your presence today. If you do not currently receive the church's weekly email and you wish to be added, please include your preferred email address when you sign the attendance pad.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that our church has several United Methodist Women groups. Please check your bulletin for more information on when they meet and how to make contact. Also, please note that the Governance Board will be meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 19th in the CLC. This meeting is open to everyone and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"O Mensch bewein"

J.S. Bach

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Liturgist

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: When we cried out to God in our distress,

People: God saved us in our hour of need.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn #102

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ brought God's light into the world to bring us eternal life. As we pass the peace of Christ today, share this light and life with one another.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21: 4-9

Liturgist

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shari Bittles, Director of Children/MidKids Ministry

(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

God of light and love, shine upon your people this day. Meet us in our brokenness, and heal our errant ways. When we complain about what we lack, rather than celebrating your sustaining gifts, forgive us. When we see only the bad in our lives, and fail to see the good, heal our vision. When we act as disobedient children, and turn away from your light, save us with your unfailing grace. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God sent Jesus Christ into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it. The One who brings us light saves us from our destructive ways, and leads us into life.

Hymn of Assurance

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Hymn #121

The Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

(8:30) "These Feet Got Joy"

Craig Curry

Ellen Wilson, soloist; accompanied by Lisa Johnson Mott

(11:00) "These Feet Got Joy"

Craig Curry

Chancel Choir directed by Ellen Wilson; accompanied by Lisa Johnson Mott

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3: 14-21

Liturgist

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us;

All: Thanks be to God

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Rev. Craig LaSuer

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