



Union Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 16, 2022 | 10AM

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

This morning's liturgy is adapted from liturgy written by Nancy C. Townley for ministrymatters.com.

The original tune was written in 1664 by Johann Ahle with harmony written later by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Confession is our opportunity to be honest with God, so that our relationship may be restored and our hearts reconciled.

Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Jesus surprised the people at the wedding.

They were sure they would be disappointed.

They thought that their host wasn't prepared for their needs.

We aren't much different. We aren't sure God is prepared for our needs.

Lord, change our whining into praising!

Change our moaning and complaining into celebrations of joy! Amen.

*Hymn 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;

let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.

By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night, filling us with light unclouded.**

All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious giving.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.

Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry your church now raises;

Hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Prayer of Praise

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. (*Silent prayers of confession*)

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Siblings, God's love is continually poured out for us so that we may drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Sharing Christ's Peace

Because God has given us the peace of forgiveness, let us also be at peace with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Engage

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. ¹²After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to us. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Message

More Than Enough

Rev. Lisa Stenner

*Hymn

In Cana at a Wedding Feast

ELLACOMBE

**In Cana at a wedding feast, Christ worked his first great sign.
There Jesus' mother told her son, "They don't have any wine!"
He called for six stone water jars; they filled them to the brim;
Through water changed to wine that day, his friends believed in him.**

**Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus' prayer retreat.
He healed their sick, then told his own, "You give them food to eat!"
Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share,
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed, with baskets left to spare.**

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient practices of worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church, you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough; for you are in control!

Respond

Offering of Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Financial offerings support the Body of Christ through the life and mission of Union Presbyterian Church. You may give online www.unionpresby.org automated giving through your bank, and through snail mail.

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 547 (v.1,3)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - you are my own.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*Charge and Benediction

Go out from this time and persevere in the faith. Love with intention.
Be Christ's church. Practice radical hospitality. Celebrate others.
May the grace of God fill your days so that you cannot help
but respond to all of life with audacious joy!

*Postlude

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Martinez, Accompanist
Lisa Denham, Liturgist



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This hymn text is a benediction spoken by God to worshipers as they prepare to continue to worship God in the world.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people

Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

None this week

Prayers

Sue & Nick Bosse, Lynn Jasensky, Drusie Miller,
Holly Hillman, Bob Janes, Jim Detwiler

Hybrid Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 30th

We will have a hybrid congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, January 30th. This annual meeting is for the Session to present the 2022 Budget, for the congregation to approve Pastor Lisa's 2022 terms of call, and to elect the 2022 Officer Nominating Committee. In the PC-USA, the Session approves the budget and is presenting it to the congregation for information. The Session recommends the pastor's terms of call; however, the congregation calls the pastor and is the body that must annually approve the pastor's terms of call. Finally, the Session presents names for the Officer Nominating Committee with a representative from the Music Program, the UPSeniors group, the Session, the Deacons, and a member at large. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor provided that the person nominated has already agreed to serve. The 2022 Officer Nominating Committee will help our congregation discern who the Spirit is leading to serve as Deacons and Elders in the class of 2025.

We are still collecting **new hats, scarves, socks and gloves** for children, youth and adults. Our ministry partners also appreciate new socks, lip balm, and small bottles of hand sanitizer and lotion. These items will be distributed to NKY Emergency Shelter, New Haven Resource Center, and Gallatin County CAC, based on our ministry partners' needs. Our partners are also in critical need of deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and cleaning supplies.



Souper Bowl Sunday is February 13th and we want to break our record!

Current Standings (as of 1/13/22)

Men – 0

Women - 12

In 2021, we collected 992 cans of soup and pasta; and due to the pandemic, most of the food was distributed before the collection was over. In 2021, the UPC men claimed the championship title after 3 consecutive years of UPC women's domination. What will happen in 2022?!? In addition to accepting monetary donations after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, we're collecting soup from now until February 13th. Please place your donations in the narthex or in the office vestibule on the appropriate side. One side is "Men". The other side is "Women".

We are collecting HEARTY soups and canned pastas like Spaghetti-O's. Please - no ramen or broths. These items are filling and in demand by our ministry partners; and a variety of soups and pastas serves more of the population. The cans will be stacked in the narthex on the appropriate side, so everyone can see how the competition is progressing. The competition winner will have soup bragging rights for a whole year. Of course, the real winners will be hungry folks in our community who will benefit from your generosity!

SESSION

Moderator: Reverend Lisa Stenner

Class of 2021

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Paul Seidman 508-951-6848

Class of 2022

Kim Fry 678-641-4060
John Seibert 760-4712

Class of 2022

Robert Brown 669-6008
Jessica Wood – 462-8995

DEACONS

Class of 2021

Dustie Kemp
Logan Kemp
Cathy Kowalski

Class of 2022

Beverly Johnson
Holly VonLehman

Class of 2023

Amanda Herdman
Peggy Schadler
Bob Sherwood