

January 28, 2024

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.

People: **We worship the one God of all times and places, the Holy and Compassionate One.**

Leader: We come trusting in God's grace to receive us, strange mixture of good and not-so-good that we are, individually and as a community.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God: the world is full of your glory. We worship and praise you forever, world without end. Amen.

***Hymn #43:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture:

Mark 1:21-28

Carla Crompton

Anthem

Time With Young Disciples

***Unison Prayer** (*using Stanza 1 of a new hymn written by Thomas H. Troeger*)

"Silence! Frenzied, unclean Spirit," cried God's healing, Holy One.

"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't hear it. Flee as night before the sun."

At Christ's voice the demon trembled, from the victim madly rushed.

While the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.

Sermon: "Prove It!"

***Hymn #547:** "Amazing Grace"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We worship with our whole hearts, and give with our whole hearts, remembering your covenant with us, O God. As we share these gifts, may they be for the work of faithful justice and gracious mercy through your church and in your world. Amen.

***Hymn #475: "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow"**

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Announcements

Church Leadership Retreat

The Church Leadership Retreat is scheduled for **Sunday, February 4**, 12:30-3:30pm. This is for all elected members of the church leadership -- officers, Board members, the three At-Large Representatives from the congregation, and the UCC Representatives. We will meet in the Social Hall after the coffee "hour" (we'll have an abbreviated coffee hour that day). Lunch will be provided, and this will serve as orientation for new leadership members as well as our February Church Council meeting and an opportunity for Boards to meet and begin planning their upcoming year.

Shrove Tuesday

Join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 13 from 5:30-7:00pm. Pancakes, sausages, baked apples—bring a friend or neighbor. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm service on Wednesday February 14. This moving service marks the start of the Lenten Season and will include hymns and imposition of ashes.

Agape Meals

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:15pm from February 21 – March 20.

Wednesday February 21
Wednesday February 28
Wednesday March 6
Wednesday March 13
Wednesday March 20

Apples for Shrove Tuesday

If you like to cook, we need volunteers to make the delicious apple mixture that goes with the sausages and pancakes at the Shrove Tuesday dinner. The recipe is at the back of the bulletin, and more are available in the Narthex and downstairs. Please volunteer to cook and bring the apples to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner!

Zoom Lectionary Bible Study

You are invited to join us for a weekly Bible study on Tuesday mornings at **10AM**. We have informal discussions about the scriptures of the week. This group is invaluable to me in sermon preparation. We are free to ask questions about the scriptures and to think about how they are speaking to us now. Come join us. -- Rev. Clara

The Lectionary Readings for Tuesday January 30 and Sunday February 4 are: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; and Mark 1:29-39.

Prayer List

Rena S. (recovering from a heart attack); John S.; John W. (Trix's husband); Deb & Bill S.; Beth & Butch; Linda E.; Rhonda; Bobbi & Tony M.; Ken C.; Jim T.; Wei-Der's mother; Gwen V.; Betty P.'s son Mark; Wayne K. (in hospital and not doing very well); Tom C.; Betty P. (recovering from having a pacemaker put in); prayers for healing siblings' relationship; Steve H. (recovering from bypass surgery); Trix W. (recovering from a fall); joy at the birth of Sonny Christopher (mom, dad, and big sister Lily are all doing well and delighted with the arrival of the new baby).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	January 1 New Years Day—office closed	2 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	3 Board reports due Choir 7:30pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	10 Choir 7:30pm	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day Office Closed	16 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	17 Toastmasters 7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	18		20
21 Lunch and Annual Meeting after service	22	23 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	24 Choir 7:30pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	31 Choir 7:30pm	February 1	2	3

February 2024

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				February 1	2	3
4 Church Leadership Lunch & Retreat Meeting 12:30-3:30	5	6 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	7 Choir 7:30pm	8	9	10
11 Souper Bowl of Caring (donate food items)	12	13 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am Shrove Tues Pancake Dinner 5:30 – 7:00 pm	14 Ash Wednesday service 6:30 pm Choir 7:30pm	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents Day—office closed	20 Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00am	21 Toastmasters 7:30pm Choir 7:30pm Agape Meal 6:00-7:15pm	22	23	24
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Shrove Tuesday Apples

Ingredients:

6 medium tart apples	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cinnamon	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt	$\frac{1}{3}$ cup butter
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg	
1 tablespoon lemon juice	
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup water	

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 400
- Pare, core, and slice apples
- Place in buttered shallow casserole dish
- Mix next 5 ingredients and pour over apples
- Work sugar, flour, and butter together until a crumb-like consistency is achieved
- Sprinkle over apples
- Bake uncovered for 30 minutes