



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany/Communion
Annual Meeting

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

L: Blessed are those whose delight is in the wisdom of God.

P: Blessed are those who meditate on God's law day and night.

L: For they are like trees planted by streams of water,

P: yielding their fruit in season; their leaves do not wither.

L: The Lord watches over them.

P: Come let us worship the Lord our God.

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*** Opening Hymn** *I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light*
(v1, refrain, v2, refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have asked you to judge others, but have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshipped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end suffering, yet we have not always practiced compassion and generosity toward others. At times, our practice of faith has become a source of conflict rather than a witness to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness. Guide our paths and rule in our hearts, so that we may shine forth the light of your saving love through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** Congregational Response** *Now Thank We All Our God*

*All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.*

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Your mysteries surround and astound us each day. Send your Holy Spirit to open the mysteries of Scripture for us so that our understanding is refreshed and our courage to follow Christ renewed. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

1 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. **2** Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. **3** "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. **4** Look you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? 6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Second Reading

Matthew 5: 13-20

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket; but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Sermon

No Ordinary Time

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Madison has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, February 5th, immediately following the 10:15 am worship service for the purpose of receiving the 2023 budget, receiving the reports of committees, electing elders and conducting other business. The meeting will be hybrid: in person and via Zoom. The Zoom information is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86778763068?pwd=TzB2MXczNktzRXJLUk5PMHNVck8rZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 7876 3068

Passcode: 996175

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Please join us for a Valentine's Day Party this Sunday, February 5 in the narthex immediately after worship and the congregational meeting. There will be sweet treats, crafts for the children, and fun fellowship. Please bring a sweet or savory bitesize treat to share.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

There will be a collection on Sunday, February 12. Stay tuned for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us as we begin the spiritual journey of Lent on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm. There will be worship in the sanctuary and a reflective service with the imposition of ashes.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Please join us this Lenten season as we experience Jesus's last words on the cross using the book "Final Words from the Cross" by Adam Hamilton. Each session will be via Zoom and will begin with a short video followed by a discussion. The classes will be held on the following Wednesdays: March 1, 8, 22, 29, and April 5 at 7:30 pm.

PRAYER LIST

- Ilene undergoing chemotherapy again after a return of cancer
- Ben, a student in Florham Park Middle School, receiving chemotherapy after removal of cancerous brain tumor
- All those having difficulty with physical challenges
- All those having difficulty adjusting to new situations in life
- Joanna on the death of her mother
- Lisa recovering at home from a recent lung transplant
- Everett, son of Stephanie and Jesse Haedrich, as he continues his recovery from a bone marrow transplant
- Glenn as he undergoes intensive treatment for recurrence of stomach cancer; and for his wife and ten-year-old son
- Jill Wussow who is living with the long term effects of Lyme disease
- All those continuing to deal with COVID and the flu
- All those dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatments
- Eric for continued healing
- The people of Ukraine in this ongoing time of war
- Peace for the sake of all people of the world

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'A New Heaven and a New Earth'. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5) and continues with a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in the left hand. The lyrics are: 'light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.'

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



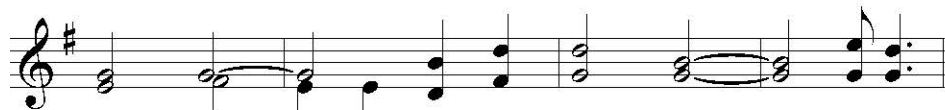
1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!

(an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na



live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!

(my Lord,)

(an - y - time!)



VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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