

CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Internet/radio AM 850 and FM 92.5 at 11:00 AM

FEBRUARY 4, 2018 • FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Dr. Larry Michael

Prelude today translation -
Mirror in the Mirror - Nancy
Lewis, Cello

from Psalm 90

Words in **bold text** are spoken in
unison by the congregation.

In confession we acknowledge
honestly before God who we are...
sinners in need of God's forgiving
grace.

*Those able may stand.
†*Waiting worshipers may be
seated at this time.

WELCOME & PRELUDE "Spiegel im Spiegel" Arvo Pärt

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

†***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #308** (blue)
"O Sing A Song of Bethlehem" KINGSFOLD
Entrance of the Word and the Light

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that sin runs rampant in our lives, especially among those nearest and dearest to us. Forgive us our sins of thought, word and deed within our families, among husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, mothers, fathers and children and within our family of faith. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your resurrection power to make all things new; fresh, free and forgiven within our families even as they are with you through Jesus Christ, the risen LORD. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.
Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

*DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

O LORD open our lips.

and our mouths shall bring forth Your praise.

†***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PEACE OF CHRIST** The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

CELEBRATIONS

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 3:10-17, 4:6-8 page 260
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**
1 Samuel 8:1-9, 8:27-10:1, 9 pages 311-313
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Winter's Tale"
#4 A Faith For All Seasons (Older Age)

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Anthem "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Refrain

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, O how bright the path grows from day to day,

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, I have blessed peace with my Lord so near

***HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION #210** (blue)
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Nicene Creed" (Ecumenical)

Please sign the Friendship Pad located in the pew, and pass it down the row.

Children ages 3-5 may leave the Sanctuary for Enrichment after this time.

Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley

Genie Deason - Lent Group
Devotional Study

Lay Readers:
Janice Cotton- 8:30
Cara Ross - 11:00

Our worship centers around the reading and interpretation of Scripture and the sharing of the sacraments.

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In our offering we give back to God not only our money but our whole lives in joyful commitment.
Nancy Lewis, cello.
Claire Copeland, flute

An Affirmation of Faith summarizes our belief and trust.

Communion in the pews
As you pass the tray of bread to the one seated next to you, please say, "The body of Christ broken for you." As you pass the cup, please say "The blood of Christ shed for you." Hold the bread and cup until all are served and then partake together. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small center containers within each bread tray.

Nancy Lewis, Cello

In Holy Communion we are invited to receive The Word Jesus Christ made visible in bread and cup. All who trust Him as Lord and Savior and have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are most welcome at the Table.

With the Benediction we are sent forth to serve God in the world.

ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS are invited to stop by after the 11:00 Worship Service to enjoy light refreshments and each other at our SUNDAY CELEBRATION in the Waters' Atrium at the bottom of the staircase.

Front cover image:

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving with Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and the Wine

Receiving Bread and Wine

Communion music "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Eric Nelson

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #307** (blue) "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

*CHALLENGE & BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Eric Nelson
*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

POSTLUDE "Now God be Praised" Michael Burkhardt

Worshippers are invited to remember the needs of others by contributing at the doors to the Good Samaritan Offering following each service.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents, Joseph B. Hurley who would have been 94 on Feb. 6, Mary Jane Gray Richardson who would have been 88 on March 13, and Alice Hurley Averill by Ed and Gayle Hurley.

The Voyage of Life is a series of paintings created by Thomas Cole in 1842, representing an allegory of the four stages of human life: childhood, youth, manhood, and old age. The paintings depict a voyager who travels in a boat on a river through the mid-19th century American wilderness. In each painting the voyager rides the boat on the River of Life accompanied by a guardian angel. The landscape, each reflecting one of the four seasons of the year, plays a major role in conveying the story. With each installment the boat's direction of travel is reversed from the previous picture. In childhood, the infant glides from a dark cave into a rich, green landscape. As a youth, the boy takes control of the boat and aims for a shining castle in the sky. In manhood, the adult relies on prayer and religious faith to sustain him through rough waters and a threatening landscape. Finally, the man becomes old and the angel guides him to heaven across the waters of life.

**NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE FROM,
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ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!**
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The Voyage of Life: Old Age

"Now, almost suddenly, it is becoming clear that to reduce life to the scope of our understanding (whatever "model" we use) is inevitably to enslave it, make property of it, and put it up for sale. This is to give up on life, to carry it beyond change and redemption, and to increase the proximity of despair. No individual life is an end in itself. One can live fully only by participating fully in the succession of the generations, in death as well as in life. Some would say (and I am one of them) that we can live fully only by making ourselves as answerable to the claims of eternity as to those of time."

~Wendell Berry – Life Is A Miracle



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