



January 17, 2021

9:30 am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

*Text printed in **BOLD** in the bulletin indicates that everyone is to read and/or sing. However, in our virtual space we ask that all but the readers and musicians remain muted – you can still read aloud and sing at home!*

“I will praise God’s name with song; I will magnify God with thanks...”

Psalm 69:30, *Common English Bible*

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome and Life of the Community (Announcements)

Opening Song

Prayer Song

Colin Curtis

Call to Worship¹

One: Let it be known and proclaimed!

Let this truth sink into the depths of your being:

All: The presence of God extends an invitation

One: To embrace a new vision:

All: There is enough Love to hold it all.

One: Quieting the noise of scarcity and fear.

Casting out words of “not enough.”

All: The voice of God says, “This is the way... *what if...?*”

Prayer of Confession

Beloved One, your love has companioned us since birth. You know our stories, our struggles, the very roots of our being. There is nothing hidden from you. Even in our greatest insecurities, you embrace us. You encourage us. You challenge us. May we be disciples of your compassion, extending to others the grace that enables us our hope. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-30

Time with Children: Bible Story Mystery Box

Pastor Kris

¹ Adapted from “Liturgy That Matters, January 17, 2020.” Enfleshed, 2021.

Special Music	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	Mark Hayes
Reflection	<i>Holy What Ifs....?</i>	Pastor Kris
Call to Prayer	SHARING OUR LIVES <i>Alleluia, Where Shall We Go?</i>	
Prayers of the People		

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Pastor Kris will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorkris@memorialucc.org

Prayer of Jesus

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Virtual Offering

Thank you to those who regularly give electronically. We understand that the pandemic impacts each of us in unique ways. Note that Memorial UCC has a NEW opportunity for you to give via PayPal! You can give securely via charge card, debit card, and direct withdrawal donations. Giving online through PayPal is fast and secure and you do not even need to have a PayPal account to use the service to make single, one-time donations. [CLICK HERE](#) to give.

Checks can be mailed directly to the church. Indicate in the memo line whether the giving is to Memorial operating costs or help to our community wide nonprofit partners. If you are interested in our monthly automatic withdrawal system, please email John Van Overbeke at jvanoverbe@aol.com and he will get you signed up.

Offertory	<i>A Moment of Peace</i>	John Turner
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Prayer of Dedication²

Beloved One, here we are. Imperfect. Created good. Whole and broken all at once. We bring our offerings and pray for the accountability, transformation, and wisdom that will lead us in the way of liberation for all—and give thanks for your assurance that for today, we are enough. Amen.

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

Song for Going Out³ #1 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

verses 1 & 2

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Schroerlucke, Jeff Darwin, Rebecca Malke, Pastor Kris

Readers: Marty Smith and Connie Hay

Music Video Editor: Michael Bryant

Virtual Usher: Steve Gorton

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Stay for Virtual Coffee Hour!

Following the service, you are invited to stay for conversation. Bring your own coffee, milk and/or donuts! All you need to do is to stay "in" Zoom as the service ends (don't click "leave meeting").

We will break into small groups that will last about 15 minutes. At the beginning of the breakout, introduce yourself, share how you are doing, and/or share where you have seen God this week. At the end of the 15 minutes we will gather again in a larger group and share our experiences.



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