**February 02, 2025**

**4th Sunday After the Epiphany**

**Holy Communion Sunday**



**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**Preparing for Worship “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” – please join in singing**

**Welcome & Announcements**

 *Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

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**Call to Worship**  1 Corinthians 13

 L: If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don’t have love, I’m a clanging gong

 or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else,

 and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don’t have love, I’m nothing.

 If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I’ve done

 but I don’t have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

 P: **Love is patient, love is kind, it isn’t jealous, it doesn’t brag, it isn’t arrogant, it isn’t rude,**

 **it doesn’t seek its own advantage, it isn’t irritable, it doesn’t keep a record of complaints,**

 **it isn’t happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things,**

 **trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. Love never fails.**

 L: As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop.

 As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end.

 P: **We know in part and we prophesy in part;**

 **but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end.**

 L: When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child.

 But now that I have become a man, I’ve put an end to childish things.
 P: **Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially,**

 **but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known.**

 L: Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things
 P: **—and the greatest of these is love.**

 **Opening Worship Song** *“This Is My Commandment”*

 This is My commandment, that you love one another that your joy may be full.

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 That your joy may be full. That your joy may be full.

 This is My commandment, that you love one another that your joy may be full.

**Opening Prayer (in unison)**

 **Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ**

 **and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation, that we**

 **and the whole world would know the glory of His marvelous works;**

 **who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concerns…..Gathered prayer**

**Gifts and Offerings**

 **Offertory** “Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service*”* Please join in singing!

*Please stand*

 **\*The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *“Hope of the World”* # 178

 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
 Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
 still let thy spirit unto us be given, to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light,
 walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
 we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

 Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
 we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

*Please Be Seated*

**Scripture Lesson** St. Luke 4:21-30 (Common English Bible)

 [Jesus] began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”

 **22**Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips.

 They said, “This is Joseph’s son, isn’t it?” **23**Then Jesus said to them, “Undoubtedly, you will quote

 this saying to me: ‘Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we’ve heard you did

 in Capernaum.’” **24**He said, “I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet’s hometown.

 **25**And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah’s time, when it didn’t rain

 for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. **26**Yet Elijah was sent

 to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. **27**There were also

 many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them

 were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed.”

 **28*When they heard this,*** everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. **29**They rose up

 and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built

 so that they could throw him off the cliff. **30**But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

**Sermon** *“What Did You Hear?”*

*Please stand*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Interlude: Be Present At Our Table Lord*

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

 **AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

 **HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

 **LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

*Please be seated*

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

 in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

 **CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

***Singing of the Lord’s Prayer -*** *Our Father, which 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*

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

*Communion Hymns: “You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”*

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in Unison)**

 **God of glory, You nourish us with Your Word who is the bread of life:**

 **fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that through us the light of Your glory will shine in all the world.**

 **We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *“O Young and Fearless Prophet”* [VS. 1-4] # 444

 O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee, thy life is still a summons to serve humanity;
 to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,

 to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.

 We marvel at the purpose that held thee to thy course while ever on the hilltop

 before thee loomed the cross; thy steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone,

 while we betray so quickly and leave thee there alone.

 O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way, where hate and lust and falsehood

 hold back Christ's holy sway; forbid false love of country that blinds us to his call,

 who lifts above the nations the unity of all.

 Stir up in us a protest against our greed for wealth, while others starve and hunger

 and plead for work and health; where homes with little children cry out for lack of bread,

 who live their years sore burdened beneath a gloomy dread.

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** *“O Young and Fearless Prophet”* [VS. 5] # 444

 O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here, amid our pride and glory

 to see thy face appear; once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,

 again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Reading the Bible teaches us who God is. As created beings, it’s important for us to know more about our Creator. As we come to know God we learn why we should worship Him and how we should serve Him.

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-Luke 5:1-11- Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) - Psalm 138 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11



**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy,**

***please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***

Praying for others makes us more aware of what we have to be thankful for.

**Prayer Requests from January 26, 2025**

Prayers for Peggy who is having health issues.

Ed Paye's daughter, Valerie, is 18 years old today. Ed prays for grace and God's guidance and protection.

Dave Wilson is coming along well, hopes to go back to work soon. Prayers for granddaughter, Ally as she looks for a job downtown.

Jean Bernard is asking for prayers for his aunt, Eloise Salomon, for his family, and for Haiti.

Prayers for Greg Gerhardt who is starting a new school this week.

Continued prayers for Coray Palm who gave birth to still born twins, Corrina & Corrin

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Sheryl Duke

David & Esther Clinton Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers Meghann Riley

Prayers for the Bishop and Cabinet as the decide who will be our next Pastor.

**For families, especially:**

Betty Sauerwald & family Zilpha and James Browne

The Stefanescu, Mc Manus, Salvadore, and Didirea Families

Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

**For an end to violence, for peace** **and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**



WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH at NOON

All Women are invited!

Beverages, snacks and dessert will be provided.

You may bring your own lunch.