

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



17th c. Ottavio Vannini, 'Saint John showing Christ to Saint Andrew'

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
*January 15th, 2023*  
*Worship 10:00 am*

*First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us and hope  
that your worship experience is blessed.  
Please pick up a free **Welcome** bag in the narthex.  
All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.*

## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
The **bold type** is spoken by the congregation.*

PRELUDE

*"Aria"*

Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

For the freshness of this new day, thanks be to you, O God.

**For morning's gift of clarity, its light like the first day's dawn, thanks be to you.**

In this newborn light let us see afresh. In this gateway onto what has never been before, let our soul breathe hope, for the earth, for the creatures, for the human family.

**Let our soul breathe hope. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #133

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

John Francis Wade

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*responsively*)

O God of new beginnings, who brings light out of night's darkness,  
and fresh green out of the hard winter earth.

**There is barren land between us as people and as nations.**

**There are empty stretches of soul within us.**

Give us eyes to see new dawns of promise.

Give us ears to hear fresh sounds of birth. (Silent Prayer)

Refresh us with the springs of your spirit in our souls and to  
your guiding presence, that we may be part of healing the world.

**That we may be part of the world's healing. Amen**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

God is: One Life, One Light, One Love,

**The Source and End of all Being.**

Love the Living One. Love God wholly, with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**Love one another, the earth and all creatures.**

Love yourself, trust God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Amen

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 "Gloria Patri" Henry W. Greatorex

CALL FOR OFFERING Diane Pierce

OFFERTORY "My Dearest Jesu" Johann Cruger

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN#451 "Open My Eyes" Clara H. Scott

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.*

*Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.*

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.*

*Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 40: 1-11 Diane Pierce

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet

upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a

song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the

Lord. Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the

proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O Lord

my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can

compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more

than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have

given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not

required. Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.\*

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. '

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Torches"

John Joubert

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 1: 35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed\*). He brought Simon\* to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter\*).

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Come and See"

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

\*HYMN #175(vs. 1,2)

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*responsively*)

Creator God, we pause to listen for the beat of your Presence in all things, pulsing in the light of distant galaxies, sounding in the depths of our soul, vibrating in each vein of earth's body. One Sound as vast as the universe, one Universe filled with Presence, one Life within every life.

**O God of life, who chooses creation over chaos and new beginnings over emptiness, we bring to you the disorder of our nations and world and the emptiness of our lives and relationships.**

Bless us and the nations with the grace of creativity. Bless us and all people with the hope of new beginnings,

**Peace where there is war, healing where there is hurt, memory where we have forgotten the other. Vision where there is violence, light where there is madness, sight where we have blinded each other.**

Comfort where there is sorrow, tears where there is hardness, laughter where we have missed life's joy, laughter, when we remember the joy.....

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the Universe, Your name is sacred, beyond speaking. May we know your presence, may your longings be our longings in heart and in action. May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth community.**

**Forgive us the falseness of what we have done as we forgive those who are untrue to us. Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings. For the light of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours now and forever. 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**

\*HYMN #177

*"I Will Come to You"*

David Haas

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Voluntary VII in D minor"*

John Stanley

*REFERENCES:* Call to Worship from: John Philip Newell, **Praying With the Earth** (Eerdmans: Michigan) 15.

Prayer of the People: John Philip Newell, **Praying With the Earth** (Eerdmans: Michigan) 10 and **The Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus,**

PASTOR: *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway* LITURGIST: Diane Pierce

MUSIC: *Carol Menke & Althea Wright*

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Phil Goede, Norm Smith, Jonathan Parnell, and Nico Wycoff*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS- *Please include in your prayers***

### **Those mourning the death of their loved ones**

\*The family and friends of Pat Sneath as they mourn her death on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

\*The family and friends of AnnaLeigh(Ellie) Sage, Pamela Sage's daughter as they mourn her death on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

### **Those with health issues**

Darren Adams

Donald Adams

Jeanette Bauer

Bill Beaumont

Barbara Blinn

Patrick Butler

Peggy Call

Leslie Colby

Marjorie Cortez

Doreen Cowden

Pat Currier

Eldon Davis

Toni Drucker

Robert Flandermeyer

Wendy Galde

Cathy Guy

Michele Hare

Phil Henry

Mary Lou Hensley

Werner Hoehenrieder

Brittany Hunt

Maryann Iodence

Jennifer

Rusty Jump

Carolyn Kenworthy

Margret Kram

Vivian Mazeski

Marilyn MacLean

Gene Michel

Jessica Morse

Lisa Nolan

Nancy Pinney

Howard Powers

Priscilla

Lynette Randerson

Sherry Rupp

Pamela Sage

Bob Simmons

Marie Slack

Dina Takahama

Bob Weber

Jill White

Roger White

Helen Wikle

Betty Witchey Ryer

## Those serving in our military

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve



*“Flowers are in gratitude for God’s many blessings.”*

A new Flower Calendar is in Campbell Ct. waiting for you to sign-up for a Flower Donation to honor your special occasion this year.

\*Sign up before your special date is taken.

## **Training for Officers/Deacons Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Westminster Woods**

10:00am for the newly installed, 12noon for everyone else

Please RSVP to the church office

## **Annual Congregational Meeting ---February 5<sup>th</sup> after service**

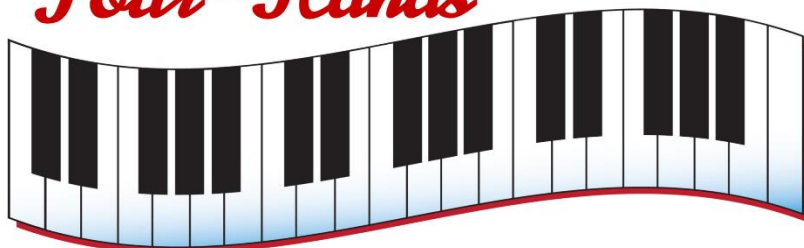
## **TODAY!**

11:30am Don & Steve’s Adventure in Ecuador meet in the Rose Room

2:00pm Piano 4-Hands with Marilyn Thompson & Nancy Hayashibara

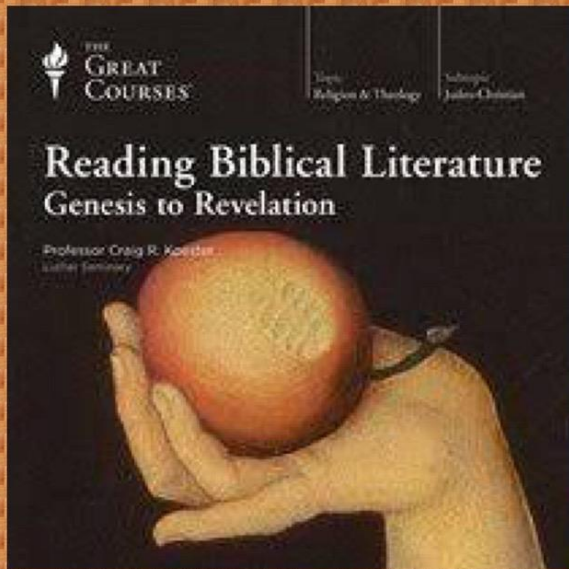
This concert is not to be missed! **FREE!** Donations accepted

*Four - Hands*





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| Monday    | 1/16 | <b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>                                                          |
|           | 1/16 | NO MHS BREAKFAST                                                                            |
| Tuesday   | 1/17 | 8:30am Building & Grounds<br>2:00pm Personnel Com. meets<br>7:00pm Christian Ed. Com. meets |
| Wednesday | 1/18 | 11:00pm Staff Meets                                                                         |
| Thursday  | 1/19 | 10:30am Seniors Exercise Video/Rose Rm<br>2:00pm Book Club meets via Zoom                   |
| Friday    | 1/20 | <b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>                                                          |



**Prof. Craig Koester is back with another course on Scripture.**

***Back by popular demand- Bible Study via Zoom!***

**Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
January 9 to February 13**