

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All-powerful God, whose revelation in Jesus Christ communicated authority and wisdom and strength among people who lived long ago, let Your word today address the unclean spirits in our midst, that Your church may more fully represent Christ in today's world, reaching out in love to all who need food, inspiration, direction, care, and healing. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

(Written by Francis of Assisi, circa 1225 (Cantico di fratre sole, Song of Brother Sun).

Written shortly before his death, it was not published for almost 400 years.

Translated to English by William H. Draper for a children's Whitsuntide festival in Leeds, England; first appeared in the Public School Hymn Book, 1919.)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and let us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to confession if we have distorted God's word, knowingly or unknowingly. We are invited to repent if our freedom in Christ has led others astray. We join in prayer together because the church is not yet the perfect body of Christ. Let us seek God's forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, deliver us from knowledge that puffs us up and makes us insensitive to others' needs. We confess that sometimes our freedom has offended another's conscience, and our carelessness has caused others to stumble and fall. Our actions have not been consistent with what we say we believe. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to a meaningful covenant with You and other seekers after Your truth. Hear our personal petitions we now bring to your throne of grace.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. God judges, but God also forgives the contrite. The burden of your sin is taken away. Enter into the joy of your freedom in Christ. Rejoin the congregation of the redeemed, in humble service, through Christ. AMEN

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 111, Mark 1:21–28

PSALM 111

¹ Praise the LORD, I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

MARK 1:21–28

Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

SERMON: "Impure Spirits"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever. AMEN

BENEDICTION: We thank God for this time of being together. We go out to witness to the Good News we have heard. May we never stop praising God with our lives!

CLOSING HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

ATTENTION CHILDREN: Once again Miss Wanda is in need of birthday cards for our shut-ins. Your homemade birthday cards are always so special and very much appreciated by our shut-ins. You can give your cards directly to Miss Dee or Miss Wanda on Sunday mornings or put them in a baggie and place them on the table outside of the Medical Supply closet entrance and we will be sure to get them to Miss Wanda. We could probably buy cards but it wouldn't be quite the same. Your homemade cards are ever so much better. Thank you for this very important, very special ministry.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, January 31, 2021

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School wing.

GRIEFSHARE: GriefShare, Sundays at 3:00 pm. The group meets in person in the Sanctuary (with masks and social distancing). Sessions will also be shown on Uber-conference 717-388-0676. You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video. The sessions will be about 2 hours in length and will run until March 28.

MEN'S GROUP: Meetings will begin Sunday, January 31 at 6:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676). You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We are studying the Minor Prophets. All sessions will be in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: The Girl Scouts in our congregation have been invited to post their cookie sale information on our church's FB page. Each scout has their own link where you can place an order for cookies. Please support our Girl Scouts. Thank You.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com or pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: February 27

CLOTHING BANK DATE: February 19

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL

Single-serve Fruits
Individual Size Chips,
Pretzels, etc.
Laundry Detergent
Instant White Rice
Scallop Potatoes

Changing Lives Shelter

Deodorant (Men & Women)
Exam Gloves (Med & Lg)
Hand Sanitizer
Bottled Water
Shampoo/Conditioner

Clothing Bank

Family-Size Toiletries
Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Bath Towels
Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts
Baby Diapers (Sz 4 & 5)

Ruth's Harvest

Single-serve Entrees (Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snacks or Veggies)

HACC Job Openings: Intake Office Personnel for our afternoon/evening shifts 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM; 5:00 PM -11:00 PM; and 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM. If interested, please stop by our office for an application or email your Resume to:

adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid is currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books* and *jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday–Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM.

CARD SHOWER FOR KITTY MYERS

Happy 90th Birthday on February 9, 2021, to Kathryn (Kitty) Myers!

Our parents, Rev. Robert and Kitty Myers, have wonderful memories of St. David's UCC, while our dad served as their pastor. They made many friends over the years. We wanted to share a special time with those who share those special memories. Please help us celebrate her very special milestone by sending her a birthday card. Feel free to include messages and pictures. She will enjoy hearing from her friends and family. Please send cards and birthday wishes to: Kathryn Myers, 679 Plum Tree Lane, Hanover, PA 17331. Thank you so much!

Dave and Jean Myers, Phil and Monica Myers and Ann and Dave Collado.