

December 30, 2018 First Sunday after Christmas Day

Thought for the Week

By a Carpenter [hu]mankind was made,
and only by that Carpenter can [hu]mankind be remade.
—Disiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)

Gathering To Be Part of Christ's Resurrection

Praise and Thanksgiving "People Look East" (vs. 1, 4) #202

Welcome, Announcements, Registration, Sharing Joys and Concerns

*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the prayer cards
in the pew rack and give it to the pastor or an usher.)*

Centering Music and Lighting the Candles

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!
Let everything sing and shout praise to the Lord our God!
Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!
Let praise to God abound throughout the universe!
Come, let us joyfully give praise to God!
And let us live out our praise in deeds of loving kindness.

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, prepare us for worship today, and help us to better trust
your daily guidance. Prepare us to witness to your love and forgiveness.
Enable us to know the power of your presence, the strength of your touch,
the mystery of your voice, as well as to trust your prophets and to rely
upon Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Singing** "How Great Thou Art" #77

Confessing Who We Are

Lord, Christmas celebrations can exhaust us. Friends and family come and
go; gatherings wind down; and more "normal" life is returning to us. But
we don't want to go there just yet, preferring to linger in the warmth of
seasonal celebration. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel *your* warmth all
the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to
Easter and dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Encourage us to live
as children of the Light, seeking your comforting, healing presence at all
times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. Amen. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's love and faithfulness are already at work in you. Know that you are healed
and forgiven. Rejoice in God's love and blossom.

Anthem "Live Your Love" S. Nordmeyer

Preparing to Pray "Lead Me, Lord" #473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opening Ourselves to Listen, Witness and Serve

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 148

Epistle Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52

Message "Looking for Jesus"

***Singing** "We Would See Jesus" #256

Offering our Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Accept these humble gifts we pray,
and in our hearts forever stay.
With these gifts may you bring peace,
that suffering, want, and war may cease.
Amen.

***Singing** "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" #179

Sending Forth

***Singing** "God Be With You" #672

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME TO HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Greeters:	Carole Porter and Wendy Storer
Acolyte:	Linda Carberry
Liturgist:	Mary Dulemba
Fellowship Hour:	Pat and Gordon Thayer
Fellowship Coordinators:	Pat Thayer and Ruth Crocker
Flower Coordinator:	Linda Carberry (508-896-7100)

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8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am 10:30am Fellowship

Tuesday, January 1 Happy New Year!

Upcoming

January

1/6 Worship with Teen Challenge
Administrative Council
1/11 9am Thrift Shop Board

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The correct Church email address is harwichumc@gmail.com

Reminder to Continue Support of the Harwich Family Food Pantry: John Chatham monitors the bin near the steps upstairs and takes donations to the pantry when there is a meaningful amount. Let's boost our efforts and keep John busy with food for those who do not have enough.

Welcome to all: Thank you for worshipping with us. May you find joy in God's holy presence as we celebrate together this morning. Please enjoy coffee and refreshments following the service.

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Plan on joining us as we celebrate God's healing and redemptive work in the world.

Fellowship Hour

Please remember to sign up to prepare coffee and bring goodies!

THOSE WHO ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

On-going Health Concern: Rev. Yoo Cha Yi, Thelma Bly, Jackie Winne, Todd Winne, Jo and Fred Buess, Greg Legeyt, Greg Major, Dan Murphy, Jim, Gene Levy, Patrick Shanahan, Michael Chatham

Recent Illness or Surgery: Shauna Ryan, Bruce Zeller, Joy Jenkins, Don Howell

Loss of Loved One: Family of Robert Berry, Family of Linda Guinen, Nick Dillmann and family

Strength and Guidance: those grieving during this season, children separated from their parents at the border, families and communities dealing with violence, HUMC and Pastor John Robbins, our nation and its representatives, those affected by natural disasters including residents of California and Puerto Rico, those stuck in the middle of unrelenting violence including the people of Syria and Gaza, family of Darrell Bates and Terry Bassett, Jennifer, Adam, Mashpee Wampanoags, Edwin Baldayac's brother

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