

Welcome to Harwich United Methodist Church



February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Thought for the Week

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."* Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

The Organ Prelude

***The Call to Worship:**

The world we made cries out: "Invest. Spend. Save yourself."

The way of God teaches us to love, care, and serve.

The world we made shouts: "Protect, Secure, Close off."

The way of God teaches us to share, lend and provide.

The world we made threatens: "Be afraid, Be jealous, Want more."

The way of God teaches us to be in awe, to have compassion, to be selfless.

The world we made lies to us about what is most important.

But God requires us to do justice, love mercy and live in humbleness.

May we turn from the distraction of the world we made;

May we listen to God, who calls us to care for the earth, to love one another, and to serve Jesus Christ our Lord.

***The Opening Prayer:**

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that, by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence here on the earth. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn: 'Come Down, O Love Divine'**

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

The Prayer of Confession:

O wondrous God, you spoke and there was light. You spoke and there was water. You spoke and there was earth. You spoke and we, and all of creation, were made. We confess the voices of the world which we made tempt us away, sometimes unconsciously, until we suddenly awake and realize we have followed the voice of fear, the temptation of wealth and the pursuit of power. Call us back tenderly, O Loving God. Lead us in your paths, O Holy Spirit. Guide us, O Faithful One through the Way, the Truth and the Life of your Loving Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession, Words of Assurance, Passing of the Peace

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112

Carlton K. Young

Light rises in darkness when justice rules our lives.

Alternate response at Ps. 10.

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- 1 Praise the Lord.
Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their house,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful and righteous.
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous shall never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever. **R**
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 When they see their adversaries,
their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.
- 9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. **R**

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD

The Scripture Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

The Anthem: "I Will Joyfully Sing" M. McDonald

The Gospel: **Matthew 5: 13-20**

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: "The Power of Salt and Light"

Rev. Dr. David Purdy

***The Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine."**

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

2. Everywhere I go
3. All through the night

RESPONDING WITH PRAYER AND COMMUNION

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering and Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving (pages 13-15 in the Hymnal)

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 our 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 God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blesses is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

. . . And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves 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 honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray

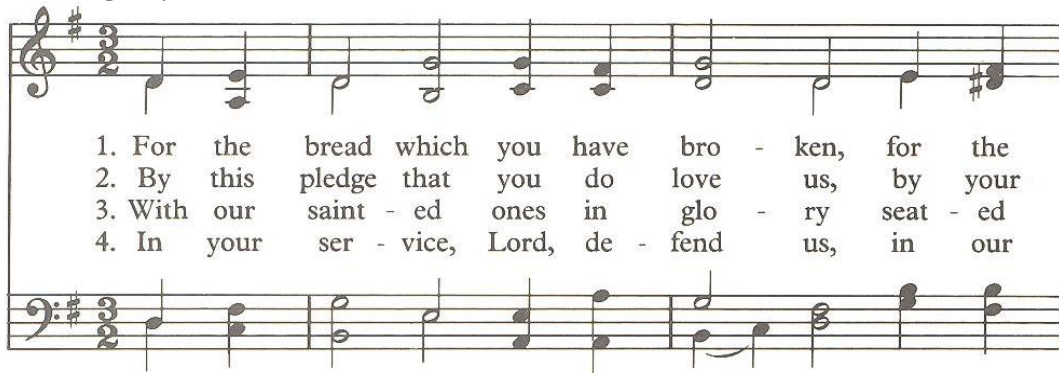
The Lord's Prayer

Giving and Receiving the Bread and Cup

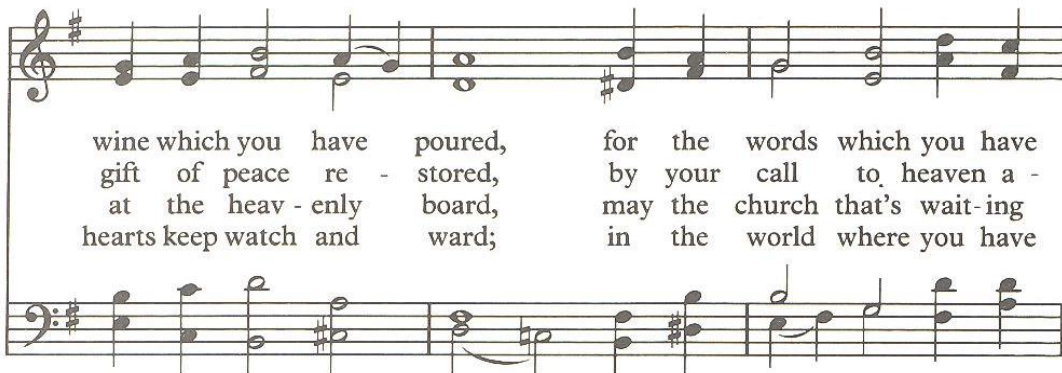
Prayer after Communion

THE CHURCH GOES INTO THE WORLD

*The Closing Hymn: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"



1. For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your
3. With our saint - ed ones in glo - ry seat - ed
4. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us, in our



wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at the heav - enly board, may the church that's wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have



spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
sent us, let your king - dom come, O Lord.

***The Benediction**

****"God Be with You, Til We Meet Again....."**

Postlude

**Liturgist: Karl Young
Ushers: John and Leslie Albee
Coffee Hour: Pam Purdy**

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

February 12, 2023: Scripture Passages

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Announcements

Don't forget to sign up for Coffee Hour!

The date for the next Billy's House has not been finalized.

The Thrift Shop is collecting toiletries, bed clothes and numerous other items for veterans and soldiers overseas. A full list is available in Fellowship Hall. Please speak with Dolores Chase, if you have any questions.

Calendar

Monday, February 13: Thrift Shop Volunteer Meeting at 12:215pm

Sunday, October 16: Administrative Council after Worship

Prayers

**Grieving: Family and friends of Rev. Bill Coleman and Michael Atwood
Increased frequency of mass shootings and the refusal to address it
Those terminally ill including Donald Turcotte and Meredith McCutcheon**

Resurgence of COVID

**Healing: Pastor Dianne, Hugh Dykens, Juell Buckwold, Leanne Thayer Lacavone,
Richard Connors, Ruth Zeller, Dan and Lil Murphy, Bill Alexander, Don,
Marianne Timmons, John Chatham, Don Howell, Suzanne Turcotte, Steven**

**Continued Prayers: Kenny Souza, Joan Stevens, Pauline Doliber,
Ruth Crocker, Michael Chatham, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee**

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