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PROGRAM

LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.) 9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



January 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany



Thought for the Day before Worship
O God, grant us the depth of insight that comes only with compassion and pain.
Make us fearful of being superficial. Keep us strong in our trust for You,
Comforted by your rod and staff, enfolded in the security of your love. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Meditation”* (A. Schreiner)

Tower Bell

Introit
Holy God, we praise your name; Sovereign God, we
bow before you; All on earth your scepter claim,
all the heavenly hosts adore you. Infinite your
vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

***Call to Worship**
For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation. I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, I shall not be shaken.
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God, our refuge.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, I shall not be shaken.
Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #71** *“Praise To the Lord, the Almighty”* (Lobe Den Herren)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Holy God, in Christ Jesus, you brought light into the darkness of the earth. We gather to Worship you who are creating a new order. We are being changed; old things are passing away, and the new is coming, as surely as day follows night and life follows death. Help us to see and believe the vision of the new life you give. As we seek and are open to ongoing conversion in our own lives by your Spirit, may we be partners with Christ in spreading your light throughout the world.

Transforming God, we confess the struggle within us, for we both desire and fear change. We are disquieted by so much that we see, hear, and experience that is contrary to your way of peace, love, mercy, and justice in the world. Yet we resist life as ongoing process, and are reluctant to accept the change that is built into the very fabric of creation – the old order passing and giving way to the new. We confess our need for your Spirit to enable us to let go of what is passing and to embrace what is coming. Forgive the weakness of our faith, O God, which leads us to doubt that what you are about in this world will be accomplished. Forgive us, and change us now, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! In Jesus’ bearing the cross for our sake, in dying, and rising, a completely new order was established for us and for all creation. Christ opened the way for us to let go of the old life with its sin and regrets, and to embrace, by the enabling of the Holy Spirit, a changed life. We can trust that we are a forgiven people in Christ. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

***Gloria Patri** *(Creatorex)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

From the Minor Prophets: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. Melissa Stephens

Liturgist: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

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| Sunday, January 21: | 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Guest Speaker-
Rev. Melissa Stephens from Washington UCC |
| Monday, January 22: | 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting |
| Tuesday, January 23: | 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting |
| Thursday, January 25 : | 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday, January 27: | 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
1:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m. Book Club-Church Parlor |
| Sunday, January 28: | 10:00 a.m. Worship Service |

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Family of Carol Marksberry, Henry Marksberry, Bill Seibert, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts & Betty Webster

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Judy Adams. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Judy as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Judy Adams
Munro House
3034 Riggs Avenue Apt. 109
Erlanger, KY 41018

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Choral Christmas Concert DVD's

DVD's of the Choral Christmas Concert are available on the table located at the North Lobby entrance.

From the Letters of Paul: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Anthem

“God And God Alone”

(McHugh/McDonald)

God and God alone created all these things we call our own,
From the mighty to the small, the Glory in them all is God's and God's alone

God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown.
And all the best and worst of man won't change the Master's plan. It's God's and God's alone

God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire, Our hearts will never tire of God and God alone
God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

From the Gospels: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Sermon

“Happening in Camp”
Rev. Melissa Stephens, Washington UCC

***Hymn #589**

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

(Maryton)

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response

Sing Twice

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
 Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!
 Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, Al-le-lu-ia!

Offertory Invitation

We will offer sacrifices in God's tent with shouts of joy, for light has come to us and oppressors have been defeated. The riches of God's bounty have been entrusted to us. Let our gifts and our lives answer the call of Christ.

Offertory

“Praise the Everlasting King!”

(Lloyd Larson)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Praise Him for His grace and favor to all people in distress.
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Fatherlike, He tends and spares us; All our hopes and fears He knows.
In His hands, He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Let us then adore Him, living God of love and grace!
Earth and heaven bow down before Him; all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Amen.

*Doxology

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**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**

Generous God, your bounty is endless, and you provide everything we need for life, and to do the ministry to which you call us. We praise your abundance, which goes beyond whatever we could ask for. Grant that these gifts, tokens of our gratitude for all our blessings, be used in the healing of your world, as a witness to the love you bear for all peoples. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn #231**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

(Festal Song)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude

“Festal Flourish”

(Flor Peters)

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ. May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund.
If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement,
please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are January 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.