



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

**Prelude
Welcome**

1/8/17

"Oh Happy Day"
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
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When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
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My sins away! (2x)

Light of Christ

***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.**

Call to Worship/Prayer

Jim Montlick

Leader: God of all, seen and unseen, thank you for showing us
your limitless and eternal love by coming to us in human
form with the miracle of birth.

People: We give thanks for your son, Jesus.

Leader: Following Jesus' example, let us grow in wisdom and
enlightenment by keeping open hearts and open minds.

People: We give thanks for Jesus' teaching and example.

Leader: Our eternal God, through the baptized Jesus, shows us
the inward nurturing and outward surrounding Holy
Spirit, gift of God's graciousness.

**All: Thank you God of Life and Light, for anointing us
with your Holy Spirit. May we be energized through
Jesus, the Christ and your Holy Spirit to spread the**

**Good News and to do your work in the world. Let us
worship God!**

Leader: Let us pray...

**God of grace and Good News known through baptism, you
make it possible for our hearts to sing with your favor and
love. Our ears are attuned to you and our hearts and minds
are open to you. In our openness, we see the signs of your
presence; Christ has truly come to enlighten us. Washed clean
by your graciousness and renewed with your Holy Spirit, we
raise our voices in adoration and praise. All glory be given to
you God, for in Jesus, the Christ we receive the gift of new life.
Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** #245 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's
Song"

Time with the Children

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

***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.***

Anthem "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
Little Bells

(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

Scripture Luke 3:1-22

Sermon

Rev. Joanne Myer

***Hymn** #480 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory "At the River" A. Copland

***Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** #90 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Presto" Handel/Edwards

***All who are able are invited to stand.**

**Please join us downstairs after the service
for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Dean Hockenberry, David's uncle, awaiting a new kidney; **Evelyn Marinani**, Karen Prewo's cousin, hospitalized with congestive heart failure; Steve Carr, Sr.; Shirley Bryant recovering at home; Elizabeth Fry; Janina Majkowski; James Purnell; Linda Dayton; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Tim Madigan; Lorraine Grork; Pat Lazeren; Shirley McElroy; Helen Dyar; Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister; Joyce Smith; John Arthur; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle *New additions in **bold** print*

Today's Preludes

James Burr, Organist

"Sonatina" Mozart

"Three Presley Love Songs"

"Consecration" arr. Hughes

"I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Wells

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, January 9, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Safe Congregation Meeting: Monday, January 9, 4:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Ways and Means: Monday, January 9, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

February CARILLON Deadline

Tuesday, January 10

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, January 10, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

Deacons: Tuesday, January 10, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Board of Music: Wednesday, January 11, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Finance: Wednesday, January 11, 7:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

Sanct. Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, January 12, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Friday, January 13, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Line Dancing: Friday, January 13, 7-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Any questions, call Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

Missions: Saturday, January 14, 10 AM, Kellogg Hall

God and Country: If you have a Scout who would like to work toward their God and Country award (God and Me, grades 1-3; God and Family, grades 4-6; God and Church, grades 6-8; God and Life, grades 9-12), please contact Debi Hockenberry. A new series will start on January 15.

Meatloaf Dinner: Friday, January 20 from 5 to 6:30 PM, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee. The menu will include baked potato, roasted veggies, ice cream with chocolate sauce and beverage. Cost - \$12/adult; \$6/child

The **Care Network** is offered by the Deacons as a helping hand during difficult times. If you are in need of a ride to church, the doctor, hospital, grocery store, etc., in need of meals or a visit, contact Cheryl Purnell, 860-712-8124 or Sue Pilkons, 860-875-4122.

Teddy Bear Ministry: Teddy Bears are sitting in the pews for you to take and give to someone in need of a bit of caring love. In order to keep this ministry going, we are asking for monetary donations to the Women's Fellowship Teddy Bear Ministry Fund or you may buy a bear (10"-12") and leave it in the Church Office. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or jmyer0146@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Child Care is available for church activities when notice is given 3 days prior to the event. Call Child Care Coordinator, Jen Jensen, 860-836-5824.

To request a visit with the pastor, please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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