



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

Prelude **2/5/17**

Welcome

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. (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

Kathleen Gallo

Leader: Let the Mystery of God draw us in:

People: Beautiful, Just, Merciful!

Leader: Let the Wisdom of God surprise us:

People: Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!

Leader: Let the Glory of God shine through our work:

People: Salty, Bright and Good!

Leader: In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God

People: Let us worship!

Leader: Let us pray...

**Healing God, by your goodness you healed many who were ill,
even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing
our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise
and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the
name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** #424 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome
Table"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion.

The Invitation

Prayer of Blessing/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.***

Words of Institution

We Remember/Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*(Served in the pew; gluten-free bread is available in the center of each
serving tray. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. We will receive
the elements when all are served.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

**Generous God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us
at your table by giving us the presence of Christ. In this
celebration, let Christ be the center of our lives and the bond
that binds us to you and to one another, in faith, hope and
lasting love. Go with us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 7:1-17

Sermon

Rev. Robin Bird

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

"Ain't Got Time to Die" Spiritual

Paul Shimer, soloist

***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** *(unison)*

**O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be
a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this
world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** #506 "Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Festal Postlude" Spence

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

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

Today's Preludes

James Burr, Organist

- "He Lifted Me" Gabriel
- "I Believe in Miracles" arr. Sewell
- "God Will Take Care of You" arr. Glyncannon
- "Love Lifted Me" arr. Pethel

Reminder...Sunday School ends at 11:15 AM, *Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education*

Deacons assisting with Communion: Bill Duncan (in charge), Elly Swan, Pam Lyons, Megan Hasty, Phyllis Chase, Barbara Grigg

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Bill and **Millie Oliphant** and **family** on the loss of Bill's dad, Dave Oliphant; **Val Ellis** and her dog, **Sonny**; Joyce Smith, having tests; Elizabeth Fry, Joanne Myer's mother, recovering at Vernon Manor; Shirley Bryant, recovering at Woodlake; Heather L. diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer; Amy Robinson, friend of Millie and Bill Oliphant; Dean Hockenberry, David's uncle, awaiting a new kidney; Evelyn Marinani, Karen Prewo's cousin; Steve Carr, Sr.; Janina Majkowski; James Purnell; Linda Dayton; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Tim Madigan; Lorraine Grork; Pat Lazeren; Helen Dyar; Dave Hollister; 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 Activities

Anyone interested in becoming a new member is invited to join Rev. Robin Bird in the Coffee and Conversation area of Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

Ways and Means is selling **chili and cornbread** during Coffee Hour.

Junior Choir Rehearsal: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Sunday School Teachers, Aides, Subs Meeting/Luncheon: 11:30 AM in the Chapel

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, February 6, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

Board of Music: Wednesday, February 8, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, February 9, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanct. Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 9, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Friday, February 10, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Line Dancing: Friday, February 10, 7-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Any questions, call Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

Board of Missions: Saturday, February 11, 10 AM, Kellogg Hall

SPECIAL ONA CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February, 12 in the Sanctuary

immediately following the worship service

Happy Birthday to members and friends celebrating February birthdays!

Please Note: Women's Fellowship is volunteering at the Soup Kitchen and needs volunteers. Contact Phyllis Chase, pchase76@comcast.net or Daryl Gottier, edengott@sbcglobal.net.

Substitute Teachers Needed for Sunday School. No need to prepare a lesson. One will be provided for you. Be a part of our team. It's fun! Contact Debi Hockenberry or Millie Oliphant if interested.

The loose offering collected today is placed in the Deacons' Fund for aid in time of emergency to people within our congregation.

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

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