



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

Prelude
Welcome
Pay It Forward

6/25/17

*We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy.*

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/Invocation

Bill Boutwell

One: We sing the songs of faith.

Many: We hear the challenges of scripture.

One: We continue our sacred journey in an attitude of service
and grace.

**Many: Let us love our enemies and pray for those who do us
harm.**

One: Let us pray for those who are evil as well as for those who
are good.

Many: And the presence of our God goes with us.

One: Let us pray together ... **Holy One, we welcome your
prophets and messengers. We welcome those that know that**

they are gifted and those that want to be. Let us find your
reward in the welcome we hear together. Satisfy our thirst to
feel your love here and now. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** #452 "Here I Am, Lord"

Children's Message

Lois Hasty

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.***

(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

Anthem

"Every Season"

N. Nordeman

Sherrie Schallack, solo

Scripture

Philippians 2:5-9; Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon

"Yoke-Bearers"

Rev. Dr. Stan

Possell

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

Trad. hymn

***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**

**O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response
to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these
gifts and our lives be used to show your love and justice,
mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus,
your Son and our Savior. Amen**

***Closing Hymn** #602 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Jubilation"

Callender

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

Today's Preludes

James Burr, organist

"Just As I Am" arr. Paxton
"Abide With Me" arr. Mansfield
"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" arr. Mansfield

The Flowers on the Communion Table are given in celebration of Bill and Millie Oliphant's 45th Wedding Anniversary on June 24.

The Flowers on the Marbletop Table are given by Dick and Betty Ann Wurst in celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary on June 25.

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

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Congratulations to **Bill and Millie Oliphant** on the birth of their first grandchild, a little boy, Miri, whose parents are Cheryl and Dritan; **Maureen DeLassus**, former neighbor of Halene Fujimoto, dealing with critical health issues; Susan DeProspero and family on the loss of her father, John Arthur; Pat Ek, Debi Hockenberry's aunt, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; Linda Dayton; Rosemary and Bill Bogard, Cathy Foote's parents; Helen Dahling; Beth Hermann; Kathleen Gilbert, family friend of the Cimas; Mark McPartland and Doug Penhall, friends of Shar Christman; Elizabeth Fry; David Drouin; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt; Shirley Bryant; Amy Robinson; James Purnell; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Helen Dyar; Dave Hollister; 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*

Please Note: Nancy Young will be on vacation beginning Monday, June 26, returning to the office on Wednesday, July 5. The Church Office will be closed during this time and access to the church will be limited.

Pay It Forward: Last month, Joe Bradford "Paid it Forward" to the Warrior-Scholar Project (WSP - warrior-scholar.org) whose mission is to empower enlisted military veterans by providing them with a skill bridge

that enables a successful transition from the battlefield to the classroom. Today, we hear from Cindy Dubuque. During the summer, we will select an organization instead of a person. To submit a request, fill out an index card, found in the Narthex and place it in the white box in the Narthex or on the Scrip-Your-All table during Coffee Hour.

This Week's Activities

AA: Tuesday, June 27, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall
Grief Support Group: Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 AM, Library
Ladies Lunch: Tuesday, June 27, noon at Mitchell's Restaurant
Trustees: Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 PM, Kellogg Hall
AA: Thursday, June 29, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall
Church Governance: Thursday, June 29, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall
Caring & Sharing Group: Friday, June 30, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Greeters and Coffee Hour for next Sunday, July 2: Memorial Garden

Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Summer: You can teach a favorite Bible story or a lesson will be written for you. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Debi Hockenberry's office.

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.

Teddy Bear Ministry: Teddy Bears in the pews are for you to take and give to someone in need of caring love. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or jmyer0146@yahoo.com if you have questions.

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.

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

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