

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



FEBRUARY 07, 2021

WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.
If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

Chain Breaker

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Arise, My Soul Arise!

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

We confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin,
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward,
failing to follow your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

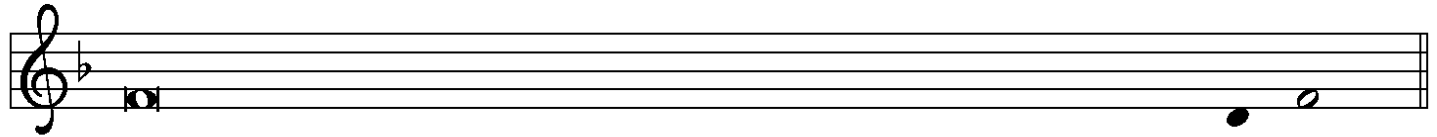
And also with you.

KYRIE

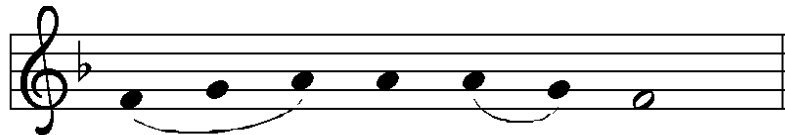
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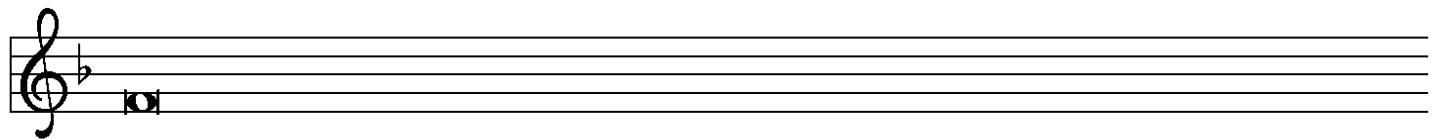
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



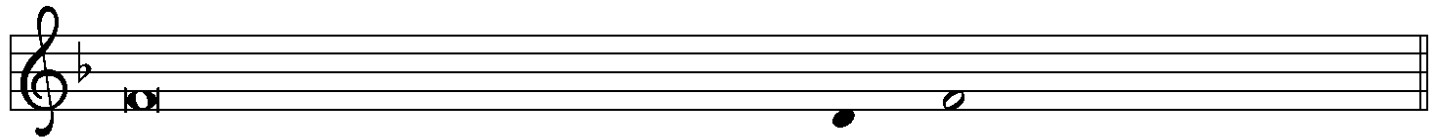
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



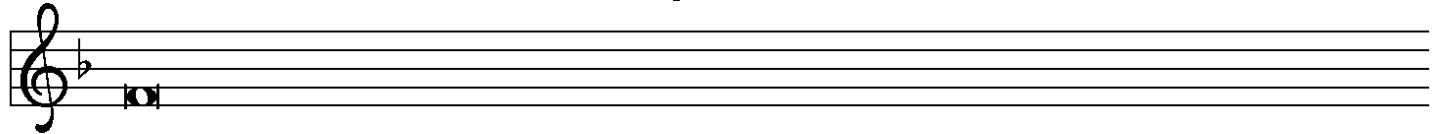
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



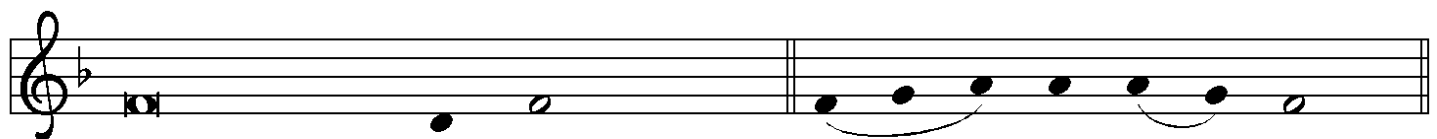
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



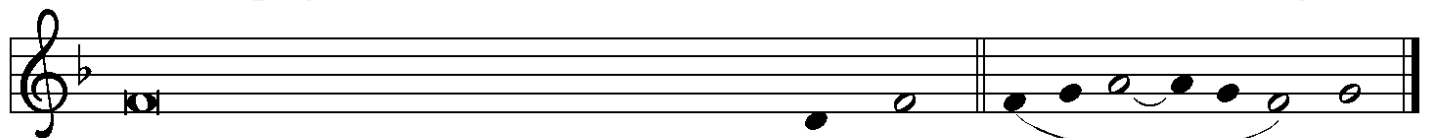
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from Isaiah.

- ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of
the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- ²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,

not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Read responsively.

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

***²The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.***

³The Lord heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

***⁴The Lord counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.***

⁵Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

**⁶*The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.***

⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

**⁸*who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to
grow upon the mountains.***

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

**¹⁰*God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,***

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c}Hallelujah!

READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” ³⁸He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S TIME

need a band-aid OR a hug?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

Follow me: witness healing

We stand.

HYMN

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

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- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition:

Let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

The Prayers conclude:

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Healer of Our Every Ill

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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Lord Be Glorified

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1. In	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
2. In	my	song,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
3. In	Your	church,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
4. In	our	home,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;



In	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
In	my	song,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
In	Your	church,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
In	our	home,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

**O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

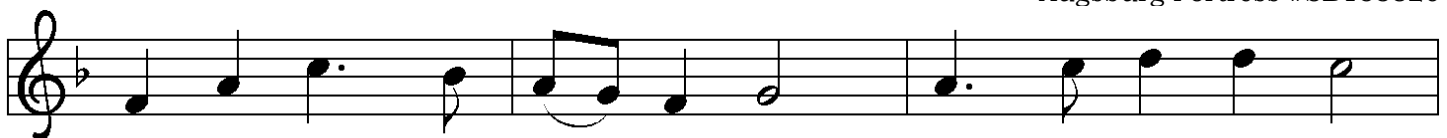
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

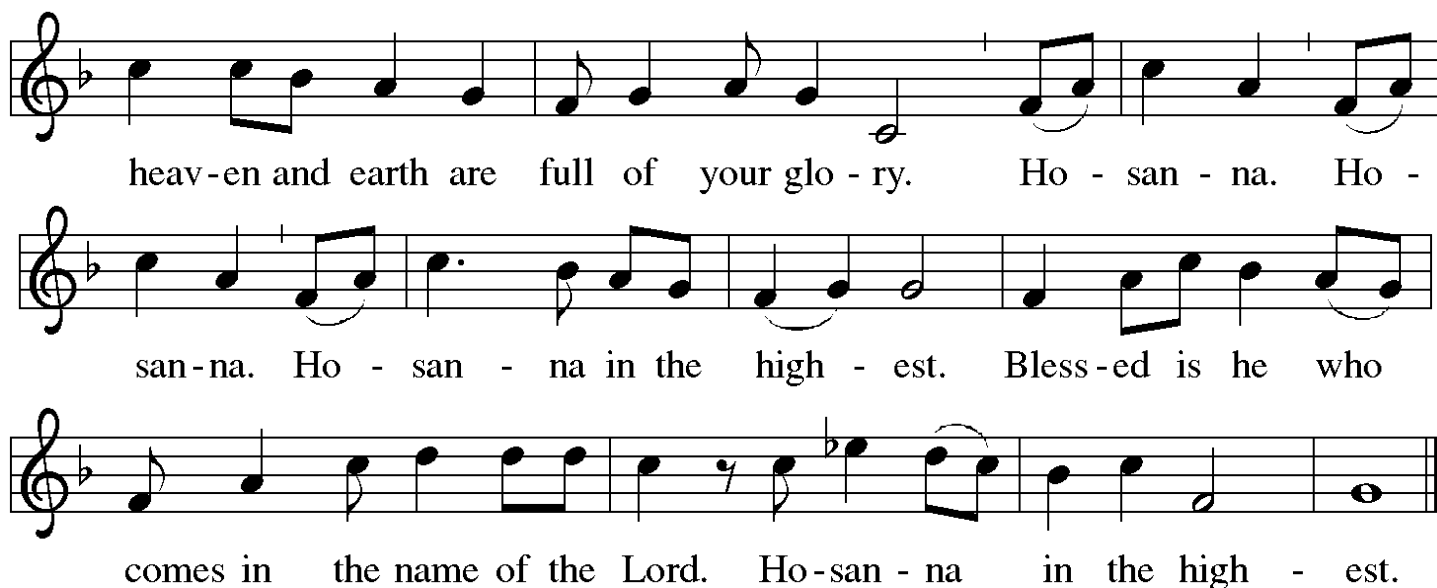
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread and we drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***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.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine.
Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

TODAY! Drive-In Communion from 10:30-12:00. You may also call the church office and schedule an additional time to receive communion.

MUSIC

Way Maker

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THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God the creator strengthen you;
may Jesus the beloved fill you;
and may the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

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1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

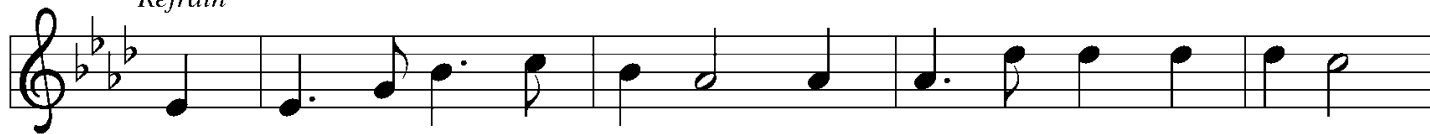


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed. We are now sent to make a difference in the world. Amen.

We sit. We are dismissed beginning from the rear by the ushers. Please continue to distance yourselves as you exit the sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Darwall's 148th

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Connie Bucknam on her 74th birthday.
Love, Herb & Family

2021 Altar Flowers

Sign-up board is in the office hallway.
You can sign-up when in the church or
by calling the church.

Upcoming open dates:

Mar 14th

Apr 11th, Apr 18th, Apr 25th



The **Food Pantry** needs any size **diapers** (adult & children). Please consider adding them to your shopping list. *Thank you!*



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**
February 17th

Drive-In Ashes

Church Parking Lot

7:00am - 8:30am

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Worship

Worship 7:00pm

in-person and live streaming



Sunday Evening Lenten Services

6:30 pm

In-person and LiveStreamed

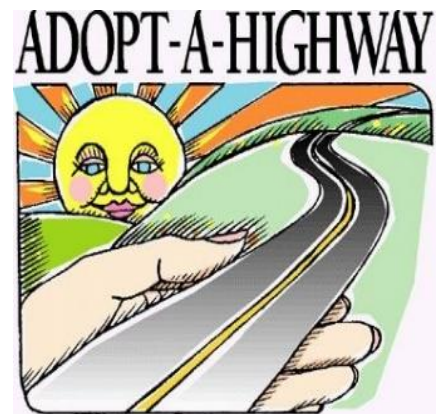


***Please join the Mt. Hermon music team
for a special music concert***

Saturday, February 20th

9:00 am

Church Parking Lot



Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for my sister. She is home and recovering. Prayers have been answered. *Danny Scott*

Tithes, and Offering for 01/31/2021
Live Stream Worship 134 + In-person 23 = 157
Coffee, Food and Fellowship via Zoom = 13

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,193.44
Building Improvement	Received	\$135.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$708.55

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Virginia Kiser by Fraser Bradford, Mark Jones

In memory of Ray Prater by Jeff & Alyson Price, Clifton & Ann

In memory of Harold Prater by Jeff & Alyson Price

In memory of Andy Shlon by Marcia Wadford



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Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed.

You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of

you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon.

Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	Gennar Kiser, <i>home</i>
Alberta Berry, <i>home</i>	Rev. Everette Price, <i>home</i>
Hazel Bockus, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	June Roof, <i>Rapha</i>
Lyle Bockus, <i>Springdale Home</i>	Tom Roof, <i>home</i>
Nell Buff, <i>home</i>	Lena Wessinger, <i>Presby. Home</i>
Margie Hook, <i>home</i>	

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Buddy Hydrick	Jo Leach	Marvin Mathias	Jane Sexton
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Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*
Clara Shultz, *friend of Sheila Starkey*
Debbie Smith & family, *niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Sarah Hiltz, *granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick*
Charlotte & Paul Nelson, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Richard Lindler, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Robert Lindler, *father of Cassie Swygert*
Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Kathy Brown, *friend of congregation*
Donnie Shumpert, *brother-in-law of Andrea Bowers & Jan Schofield*
Tressa Oswalt, *sister of Angie Hydrick*
Don Cope, *friend of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*
The Logan Sharpe family, *teammate/friend of Skyler Miller*
*Eddie Robinette, *son-in-law of Renee Greenbaum*
*Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 14th Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 9:00 am Worship – In-person and Live Stream
- 10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting via Zoom

Monday, February 15th

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, February 16th

- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Wednesday, February 17th

- 7:00 – 8:30 am Drive-In Ashes – Parking Lot
- 9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Frank & Bonnie Bouknight, Andrea Bowers)
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Drive-In Ashes – Parking Lot
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service In-person & LiveStream

Friday, February 19th

- 12:00 pm Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Saturday, February 20th

- 9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight & Karen Nicholson)



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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Matt Hansen, <i>Seminarian</i>		Matthew.Hansen@my.lr.edu

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Ronnie Fulmer, <i>President</i>	Marion Leaphart, <i>Vice President</i>
Robin Ellisor, <i>Secretary</i>	Parker Boulware, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 7th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 am Worship – In-person and Live Stream
10:30 – 12:00 Drive-In Communion

Monday, February 8th
10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th
6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 10th
9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Mary Frances Sease)

Friday, February 12th
12:00 pm Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Saturday, February 13th
9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Mike Rawl & Laura Stevens)
7:00 pm Music Team Special Concert via LiveStreamed



2021 Offering Envelopes are available to be picked-up in the church office hallway.