

Sunday
January 20, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday
after the
Epiphany

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Look

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Ministry Opportunities

*Opening to the Creative Spirit

Choir: In the world of the driven

Let us be drawn in

Let your love be a given

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To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem

For the sake of the livin'

Let us be drawn in...

Leader: All creation began with the dream of God, the will and intention for life to exist in the void. All of our actions are born out of desire, out of a dream and vision for the future. This is our birthright: to imagine and to create. What brings you alive? What truly moves your soul in the deepest way? What you create out of that answer is your greatest gift to the world and the way in which YOU are part of God's unfolding and ongoing creative dream.

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Leader: Let us pray together:

Creating God, You called forth all that exists in a moment of divine brilliance. Open us again to that spark which You ignited in each of us at our creation so that we might generate more life-giving energy in this world. Draw us into Your story of hope. Give us the courage to dream. Amen.

***Opening Song of Praise: #150** God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

***Connecting**

What holds us back from the joy of our creativity? A Christian activist named Dorothy Day once said, "God is our Creator. God made us in God's image and likeness. Therefore we, too, are creators... The joy of creativeness should be ours." Yet sometimes what holds us back is not believing that we ARE a child of God. Many of us think, "Oh, I'm not creative."

Hear the Good News! Know that you are creative simply because you were created by God! As our greeting and passing of the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbor and find out what they like to create — it could be typically artistic like writing or painting — but it could also be something like baking, fixing the car, playing with the kids, decorating the house, making someone smile, or the things you do in your work. What do you like to make in this world? Share with one another as a praise to God for that joy.

Listen

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Make Belief Moment ~ Hank Stamm

We "make our belief" that God is playing and creating through people in all places, and God plays and creates with us too!

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed to POP! with Jolene Cron

The Word in Music: On Eagle's Wings ~ Chancel Choir

Bible Presentation to Confirmands

Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Confirmands respond: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible our whole life long.

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray the Lord will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, your church, and wherever life may take you. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

***The Word Read Aloud: Luke 4:13-21**

The Word Proclaimed: "2%" ~ Pastor Greg

Respond

Praying for the World

Choir: O God, fill our hearts to reach out in welcome, make us to see Your vision once more. Let's dream of a world where our hands are Your hands, we offer You ourselves, O God, make it so. Make it so, make it so! We pray for the day, make it so. We dream of a world where love reigns among us and Your will is done, O God, make it so.

Leader: If you are comfortable doing so, close your eyes for just a moment so you can do some visualizing. Breathe in slowly. Let your breath out slowly. Again: in..... out..... Try to imagine that stresses, anxieties, deadlines, are rolling off your head, down your shoulders, down your arms, and falling away to the floor. See a blue sky above you. An incredible sunny, blue-sky day. When you think of "the sky's the limit," what do you imagine? What would you do if you could dream up anything for this town, this world, this community? Take a moment to write something on the piece of paper you were given when you came in. It can be a word, a phrase, or whole sentences expressing a desire, a dream, you would want to help create if you could. The ushers will collect these papers for the pastor to read as a prelude to our prayer.

Prayer Song: #334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Choir: Make it so, make it so! We pray for the day, make it so. We dream of a world where Love reigns among us and your will is done, O God, make it so.

Offering Back to God

This is part of our creative spirit in the world, this is our offering. May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane, as the way that you contribute goodness to the world, creating more life, more joy, more love."

Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!

Offertory: Something Beautiful

***Doxology:** #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Closing Song of Life:** #2123 Loving Spirit

*Benediction

May you see the unfolding of each day, as an opportunity to be a co-creator with God. As a Jesus-follower, may you feel his company leading you toward creating more kindness, justice and mercy. May you know the nudge of the creative Spirit within, "making belief" in all you are and do.

Amen.

*Postlude

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Wayne Lash (Lori's 3-yr-old great-grandson) is at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital with Nephrotic Syndrome, a kidney disorder.

Don Linders (Diana Pomeroy's uncle) has bone cancer and is in Hospice care.

Karen Simpson's surgery went well, and she is recovering at home.

Arden Sult will have his second knee replacement tomorrow.

Grant Swinehart's surgery went well, and he's recovering at home.

Avery Schutter (Paul and Marilyn's infant great-granddaughter) is holding her own but is facing a lengthy recovery.

Previous Requests

Family and friends are mourning the loss of Liz Anderson, who passed away Dec. 28.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Carol Eaton

Eve Fish (RaeAnn Graves's sister-in-law) has serious health issues.

Lauren Frantz

Cathy Johnson's mom fell and suffered hypothermia, sepsis, and dementia. She is 84 and needs prayers for healing.

Sally Kohler is recovering from knee surgery.

Andrea and Matt Luegge and family are mourning the loss of Andrea's Great Aunt June.

Tyler Lynch

Aliseah and Milo Mooreleg are currently homeless and living at the mission. They lost their home and are looking for something affordable.

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait.

Charlene Taylor has been very sick from a virus.

VUMC's Mission Statement



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

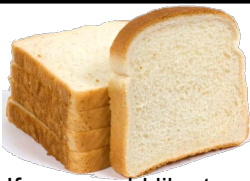
For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Culver and Benjamin Culver

January 13 attendance:
Worship 109 Sunday School 37

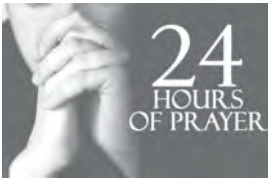


Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are continuing to collect bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.

If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered to KGM.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil



We would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like),

please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.

Help is needed at the Welcome Center

Monthly Welcome Center “welcomers” are needed. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Coffee hour

Coffee hour helpers are needed: set up on Saturday; clean up after church. Call Vera Walker, 532-3551, if you have questions.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

- Jan. 20: Marshall Linebaugh
- Jan. 27: Joe and Betty Gruber

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items for February are due in the church office by Monday, Jan. 28.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Friday, Feb. 1.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

1/20 Deb Sponseller 1/26 Ken George

Wyatt Thompson

Anniversaries

1/22 Sydney Hambricht 1/20 John & Linda Cleveland

Betty Thomas

1/23 Greg White 1/21 Jim & Vicki

1/24 Brianna Moberly Worthington

1/25 Wade Stacey 1/26 Tom & Dee Dee

1/26 Phyllis Barrett Hoy

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 21

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting

7:00 p.m. Church Council in the Taylor Room

Tuesday, January 22

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Room 107

6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC

Wednesday, January 23

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room

2:45 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach), Rm 107

5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Room 107

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 24

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC

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7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Room 125 (Fish Room)

Friday, January 25 - Pastor's Day Off

5:00 p.m. Set up for Pinewood Derby, FLC

Saturday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby in the FLC

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Next Week

Thursday, January 31

5:30 p.m. Preschool Board in the Library

Saturday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle making subs

Meals for Karen and Tom Simpson

Karen is recovering from surgery, so meals for Karen and Tom will be organized. If you would like to help out, please call Vera Walker at 532-3551.

We need someone to set up for Play Gym

We need someone willing to set up the gym for Play Gym (paid position) for 1/2 hour on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings. Contact Laurie Nic at 269-598-2264.

In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler

Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith

Geoff White

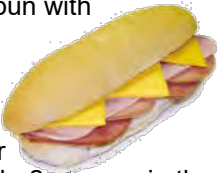


Children ages 3 yrs. to third grade leave the worship service right after the kids' message and return to the service after the offering.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade and your cell phone number.

Order subs for your Super Bowl party

Susanna Wesley Circle has begun their annual sub sale. Place your orders today and/or next Sunday. The 6" sub bun with deli style sliced turkey, ham, salami and sliced Co-Jack cheese costs \$6 (pay when you order). Buy 12 and get 1 FREE! You may pick up your sandwiches on Saturday, Feb. 2 at noon in the Taylor Room kitchen or Sunday, Feb. 3 after church.



Do you have ideas? Let us know.

Fill out the information below and place in the offering plate or in Polly's box in the work room.

One thing that I think we should be doing that we don't—something that would really help our church grow and reach those that need it, is

One thing we have always done as a Church that I really don't understand and think should be discontinued is
