

REACH OUT IN CHRIST

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude “The Garden of Prayer” Broughton

Welcome

Hymn “Freely, Freely” #389

Call to Worship:

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

People: How long will you hide your face from me?

Leader: How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

People: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Leader: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

People: lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

Leader: lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him”;

People: lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

Leader: But I trusted in your steadfast love;

People: my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord,

People: for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

A Time of Prayer

Anthem Choir: “Don’t Be Afraid” Bennett

Scripture Romans 12:1-21

Sermon “The Renewing of Your Minds” Pastor John

Hymn “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” #164

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude “Coral” Purcell

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Maytum family, Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Larry Thompson, Kittie Brown, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Jack Eckardt, Murphy Mullens, Tom Hannon, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Kay Cooper, Fiona Kishundyal, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Cindy Lucas and family, Judson Parker.

***UMM**—Meeting 2/20, 6pm in Henderson Hall. Please bring a snack to share.

***BIBLE STUDY**— Wednesday 2/23, 10:30am, Luke 10.21-11.13, the whole passage, “Reconsidered”

* **CRAFT GROUP**—Craft Group meets Mondays 2:30-3pm in upstairs Craft Room

***UMW— Rummage Sale** March 4&5. Start bringing your “treasures” Monday–Thursday, 9am-noon, to Henderson Hall. Door will be open. Or drop off items during Sunday worship. Please sign-up to help. Volunteers needed for setup, Friday/Saturday, or bake in our Café. Let’s make this another successful Rummage Sale! All proceeds stay in our area to help others. Questions? Call or text Jean Ann 610-505-2940.

***CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES 2022**—Available for pickup in Narthex or office.

***CHOIR**—Rehearsal on the 1st Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm and practice before Sunday worships.

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***SANCTUARY IS OPEN**—But we are not back to normal yet due to the continuation of the COVID19 pandemic. **We need to be vigilant especially because of the new virus variants. Masks are encouraged and recommended if you are unvaccinated. Please get your vaccination to minimize the possibility of getting infected or infecting others.** Sitting will be in every other pew for the time being. Don't come if you are feeling sick. Thanks for your cooperation!

Romans 12:1-21 12 So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. ² Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature. ³ Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. ⁴ We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. ⁵ In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. ⁶ We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. ⁷ If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. ⁸ If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful. ⁹ Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. ¹¹ Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! ¹² Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. ¹⁴ Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. ¹⁶ Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. ¹⁷ Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good. ¹⁸ If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. ¹⁹ Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.* ²⁰ Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.* ²¹ Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

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