

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Simpson Duke

PRELUDE *Meditation, Op.27, No.2* - Clarence Lucas
(1866-1947, Canadian)

*INVOCATION Dale Bond

*HYMN 62 (stanzas 1, 5, 7) All Creatures of Our God and King *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM Psalm 27:1-2, 13-14

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war
rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the
Lord!

*GLORIA (Hymnal, 72)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Light Everlasting* - Olaf C. Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing, illumine our darkness, and draw us to Thee.

May we from Thy spirit receive inspiration that brethren together Thy wisdom may see.

Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation, and help us O Father, thy temple to be.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Stacey Simpson Duke

Lord's Prayer ("debts") on hymnal page 896

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:18-22 Paul Simpson Duke

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME AS CHILDREN Sue Ellen Glover

*HYMN 398 (stanzas 1-2, 4-5) Jesus Calls Us *GALILEE*
(Preschool through 5th grade may leave for church school class.)

SERMON *Moment of Decision* Paul Simpson Duke

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn 358, verse 2

SILENT PRAYER

OFFERING OF GIFTS *O For a Closer Walk with God* - C.V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

Return, O holy Dove,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

*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

*HYMN (see insert) I Have Decided to Follow Jesus *ASSAM*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION

Warming Center Collection & Volunteer Sign Up

In February, we will be once again hosting the daytime warming shelter. We are collecting warm clothing including gloves, hats, mittens, and socks (look for sales!), plus personal products like toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos, pocket tissue packs, combs, soap, etc. There will be a basket near the Information Counter each Sunday.

The Warming Shelter will be open at First Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of February, 9am-3pm. First Congregational will be the host on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday. The group MISSION oversees the Warming Shelter Ministry, and will be providing many of the volunteers to work this important ministry to the homeless. Each church hosting the Warming Shelter is invited to participate in any number of ways, such as: 1) Volunteer your time to mix and mingle with those using the Warming Shelter; 2) Bring some snacks (nothing with peanuts), or food to share with the guests; etc.; 3) Sign up at the information desk, or church office to prepare and bring a luncheon dish to serve 35 people (NO Peanuts in food). We will need at least 2 dishes (serving 35 each dish). The Warming Shelter has been averaging about 70 people.

Resources for Personal Devotions

We hope that one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend a quiet time each day with prayer and scripture. The Board of Christian Education invites you to use *The Secret Place* or *Disciplines*. *The Secret Place* is available at the Information Counter (free). It is published quarterly and is offered in regular and large print editions. The Upper Room publishes *Disciplines* which has one-page daily devotions for the entire year and the scriptures are based on the lectionary. Each week you can read and meditate on the scriptures that will be usually be included in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. *Disciplines* books are available from Sue Ellen for \$5. If you would like information on other resources (including online resources), please contact Sue Ellen.

Readings for Next Sunday, January 29

Micah 6:1-8 * Psalm 15 * 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 * Matthew 5:1-12

Announcements

We warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today! Everyone is invited to join the events listed in this insert. Immediately following the service, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Sunday, Jan 22	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Second Hour classes
Tuesday, Jan 24	5:30 p.m. - Vespers - <i>Bethel UCC Manchester</i> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, Jan 25	1:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Lounge) 5:30 p.m. - The Gathering (Campus Center)
Thursday, Jan 26	7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (Room 102)
Sunday, Jan 29	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30 a.m. - Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Nursery Care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is available on the 3rd floor from 9:30 - 12:30.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29

Our annual financial meeting will be held after fellowship time (11:30) on January 29. After the business meeting we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Please plan to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the information desk and in the church office during the week. The Board of Care and Community will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages. If your last names begins with A-D, please bring a potato, rice, or pasta dish; last names beginning with E-J, please bring fruit or a dessert; last names starting with K-Z, please bring a salad or some kind of vegetable.

The 2017 Flower Calendar

The sign-up calendar is now posted on the downstairs bulletin board near the Lounge door. The flowers are placed on the chancel for each service. The cost is \$30 and your dedication goes in the bulletin. The flowers are yours to take after the Sunday morning service. Please sign up early to secure your date(s).

Children & Youth Christian Education

All children are welcome to worship with their families. During the second hymn, preschool through 5th grade leave for church school class.

Preschool – 1st Grade:

10:00 - 10:30 Worship
10:30 - 11:15 Church School (Rm. 202A&B)
11:15 - 11:30 Snack (Rm. 202A&B)
11:30 - 11:45 Grace Notes Music
11:45 - 12:30 Activities (Rm. 202A&B)

2nd - 5th Grade:

10:00 - 10:30 Worship
10:30 - 11:15 Church School (Rm. 201B)
11:15 - 11:30 Snack
11:30 - 12:00 Children's Choir (Rm. 306)
12:00 - 12:30 Children's Worship

Youth (6th Grade - High School):

10:00 - 11:00 Worship
11:30 - 12:30 Church School (107)

Children's Music Ministry

Grace Notes (Preschool - 1st Grade) 11:30 - 11:45 Rm. 202
Children's Choir (2nd - 5th Grade) 11:30 - 12:00 Rm. 306

Adult Christian Education

11:30-12:30

Simply Jesus (Joe Mortensen, Leader) Memorial Lounge

An examination of Gospel texts and the historical setting of Judaism in Jesus time in order to gain better understanding of his proclamation, ministry, and identity. This study will draw from the insights of N. T. Wright's book, *Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters*. This class meets through February 26.

Young Adult Class Room 108

The Book of Mark

An in-depth, discussion-based Bible Study that will run through February 26.

How to Pray: A (Re-)Introduction to the Ongoing Practice of Prayer Room 102
Paul Simpson Duke, leader

Pragmatic discussions on the basics of daily prayer, with guidance and rationale on the foundational elements of prayer and on different approaches and models for a practice of daily prayer. This is a course for beginners and for those who wish to renew and strengthen their practice of prayer. It meets through February 26.

Other Adult Learning Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study: Pastor Paul is leading *Studies in the Prophets*. We will discuss the work of the prophets in their historical context and will examine selected texts for closer understanding. Please join us!

Small Groups: We have continuing small groups centered on study, sharing, prayer, worship and mission meeting at various times. See Stacey, Paul, or Sue Ellen for information on how to join an existing group or form a new group.

College/University Students: The Gathering is for undergraduates and graduate students. We gather during the school year for a free home-cooked meal, friendship, and study. If you would like to be added to the email list for weekly updates about gatherings and service opportunities, please email Stacey Simpson Duke at staceyduke@gmail.com.

Our Coffee Break Concert Series presents Piano Concert by Dr. Rajung Yang, Associate Professor of Piano at the University of Idaho on February 9, Thursday at 12:15pm. She will perform an exciting program of J.S. Bach's Partita No.2, BWV 826, George Crumb's A Little Suite for Christmas, A.D.1979, George Gershwin-Earl Wild's Embraceable You and Nicolai Kapustin's Variations, Op.41. This concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments are kindly provided our ABWM members.

Worship Service Recordings

All of our worship services and sermons, including today's, are available on our church website as podcasts. Please consider sharing them with friends.

