



"Love Your Enemies" by Mike Moyers.

Christ Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light

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Opening Litany

Psalm 111:1-4

One: Praise the Lord!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with the God's gathered community.

**All: How amazing are the deeds of our God!
Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails.
How gracious and merciful is our God!**

Opening Prayer

God of grace and God of glory,

We come to you today on this Sabbath, in spaces and places. Be with us today as we listen for your word. Help us to wrestle with it, with you, and our inner selves and come out on the other side changed. Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

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**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Music and Words: Paul M. Vasile

Old Testament

[Psalm 111](#)

The German theologian Friedrich Schleiermacher once described the relationship between humankind and God as one of “absolute dependence” captured by a feeling of inescapable awe. Psalm 111 tells us that the *awe* of God is the beginning of wisdom. The psalmist praises God for God’s work and power. Those who are in awe of God have the beginning of wisdom. God has redeemed God’s people and the ordinances are established forever for the faithful.

Spoken Song O God, You Made the Sabbath Day Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*O God, you made the Sabbath day,
Your gift, your law, your healing way.
You also made, within each heart
A longing for this day apart.*

*Life's sacred rhythm seems long gone;
The world, unblinking, carries on.
Your Spirit calls us! Slow our pace
That we may hear your word of grace.*

*You gave your children, long-oppressed,
Your freeing gift of Sabbath rest.
You give us Sabbath freedom, too:
Our lives are more than work we do!*

*Christ Jesus lives! He makes us new!
On Sundays now, we worship you.
With hearts uplifted, joy restored,
Your church goes out to serve you, Lord.*

New Testament

[Luke 6:1-16](#)

In Luke’s Gospel, we hear about the Sabbath observance. Jesus and his disciples pluck grain and eat it on the Sabbath, and some of the religious leaders question why he condones this behavior. He responds by reminding them that David ate bread in the Temple which was reserved only for the priests. Jesus also preaches in the synagogue and heals a man with a withered hand on another Sabbath. He questions the religious leaders whether it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath or not and asks whether it is to keep law and order or to do God’s will.

Sermon The Light Shines in the Darkness - The Wrestler Pastor Dan Stark

Song of Response *Claimed, Called and Sent*

Claimed by Christ! Called to serve!

Sent to be people who Live God’s love in this world. (repeat)

**We have been claimed by the God of the universe,
Source and Creator of earth.**

Claimed by the God who has given birth to us all.

Claimed by the God who has come to us,

Claimed by the Savior who died for us,

Claimed by the One who empowers us to become the Church!

Claimed by Christ! Called to serve!

Sent to be people who Live God’s love in this world.

**We have been called by the One whom the prophets heard,
Called to proclaim Yahweh's Word.
Called to receive what we cannot earn on our own.
Called to become God's own witnesses.
Called to embody the Word in flesh.
Called to be those through whom God can bless and sow seeds of Grace!**

**Claimed by Christ! Called to serve!
Sent to be people who Live God's love in this world.**

**We have been sent to the wounded and to the poor,
Sent to the neighbor next door.
Sent to the seeker who knows there's more to this life.
Sent to make peace when the nations rage,
Sent to help systems and structures change.
Sent to speak out where injustice reigns and to take a stand!**

**Claimed by Christ! Called to serve!
Sent to be people who Live God's love in this world. (repeat)**

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Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayers, O God...

For health & healing: *God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Ps. 147:3

We pray for:

~Ian, husband of Molly Pufall Brown that his biopsy of a mass next Monday yield promising results and show good treatment prognosis for lymphoma. Prayers also for wife Molly and their children.

~The Porn family as Dave's brother Steven recently passed away.

~Betty Budzien as her knees heal from a fall. Thankful for no broken bones.

~Baby Theo who had to be resuscitated and hospitalized. He is now home but the doctors couldn't find out what caused this episode. From Sonia Stark.

~Emily, her husband and 2 young children, Andy Oren's friend as she was just diagnosed with systemic scleroderma, a serious auto-immune disease.

~Ken Klockow as he deals with lower back pain.

~Kim O'Brien and her family as she continues to heal and recover.

~Dylan and his family as he passed away from Muscular Dystrophy. From Susie Klockow.

~Ken's sister who was moved to a nursing home and has a serious chronic infection and dementia.

~Susie Klockow's Aunt Evelyn who has covid and is in hospice and Aunt Eleanore who had a stroke and is in home hospice, also for her daughters and granddaughters who are taking care of her.

~Johnny, friend of the Klockows who has COVID and other health problems.
~Prayers of Thanksgiving for Jack, Dick and Joan Gaeth's nieces' husband who is improving and remains in the hospital receiving treatments for Leukemia.
Prayers for continued healing.
~Bill Kroening as he receives radiation treatments.
~Bob Kroening as he receives chemo drug treatments.
~Joe and Laurie, son in law and daughter of Jackie Struck. Prayers for continued healing for wounds as he goes to wound care.
~Nick Miller, nephew of Nancy & Brad Charles who has started using heroin again.
Prayers for the whole family.
~Dawn, daughter in-law of Laurel and wife of Brad Dayton, as she manages diabetes and dialysis 4 times per week.
~Tracy, daughter of Nancy Kaye, who is at home with Nancy awaiting liver and kidney transplants. She is doing well.
~Continued prayers for Julene Flanagan's nephew, who is struggling with mental health issues.
~Continued prayers for Julene Flanagan's family member who is struggling with health issues related to kidney disease.
~Dan, friend of Molly Pufall Brown, who is very sick and discouraged with an undiagnosed illness. Prayers also for his wife and 2 young children as the eldest child is being taken care of the grandma and his wife works full time and struggles to also take care of their youngest child.
~Kelley, friend of Nancy Charles as she receives radiation treatment for breast cancer.
~Bernee, friend of Nancy Kaye who has end-stage lung cancer and is in a nursing home in hospice.

For our community and country:

~For swift and safe vaccine distribution.
~For our school children who have very complicated schedules and those who are missing being in person. For our school teachers as well.
~For people who are struggling without an in-person place for worship right now.
~For musicians who miss playing in public.

Prayer Song

Into My Heart

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Call to Offering

Worship Ways, adapted

The Sabbath recalls the day of rest God took during creation in Genesis. God calls us to be co-creators with God. When we give of ourselves to meet the needs of others, we are co-creators in the health of God's creation. As we have been given much, let us give in return. *Please give as you are able.* www.uccmke.org/donate

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we dedicate our gifts for your people (all people). May those who receive them be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others, so that your creation may continue to be transformed by your love. Amen.

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
A-men.**

Closing Song

I Am the Light Of the World

**I am the light of the world, you people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the magi and the shepherds have found their way home,
The work of Christmas is begun.**

**I am the light of the world, you people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above!**

**I am the light of the world, you people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see all God's children everywhere**

**I am the light of the world, you people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

Sending Blessing

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Mary Hayes

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Some Prayers and Liturgies by UCC Worship Ways

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Happy Birthday to these wonderful people!

Ashley Lisowski February 1

Brayden Thomae February 1

Joyce Zieman February 1

Michael Zvara February 2

Randene Wick February 3

Carol Dohoney February 5

Linda Koszuta February 6

Matthew Miksic February 6

Sophia Stezala February 6

Kim Stezala February 6

Thanks

~Thankful that our WI National Guard is back home without incident. Prayers that the peace continues.

~We accept with gratitude and appreciation memorial gifts in memory of Howard Fritsch from the Wicks and Sue Steinhauer.

~" Thanks to you, seniors will have more opportunities to lead meaningful lives, and be fully embraced in the community. Your gift of \$600.00 impacts the lives of many of our older adult neighbors in Milwaukee county. Your gift supports services for healthcare transportation, grocery shopping and the delivery of food pantry stock boxes, friendly phone calls during COVID-19, seasonal yard clean up, caregiver support and more. Thank you again for supporting Eras Senior Network.

Sincerely, Kathleen S. Gale

Eras Senior Network

Executive Director

Announcements

CALLING ALL GIRLSCOUT COOKIE LOVERS!!

Mallory is once again selling Girl Scout cookies (in a safe and socially distanced way) this year! If you are interested in buying cookies to support her troop, please reach out via email to Allison at amthomae@att.net or by phone at 414-477-6408 by Friday, February 12.

We would be happy to deliver cookies to your home, in a COVID-safe way.

The flavors available this year are: *Smores, Lemonades, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel Delites, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, and the new cookie called "Toast-yay!"* The new cookie is a cinnamon, French-toast inspired cookie with icing.

Thank you in advance for supporting Mallory and her troop in this venture!

2021 GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2021 Giving Envelopes are available to be picked up during church office hours. They are located outside of Pastor Dan's office. Even if you normally give electronically, the box of envelopes also has other special giving opportunities to assist the church with utilities, building, mailing etc. costs and missions.

NEED: BVCC FOOD & INFANT FORMULA PANTRY

The community center is requesting the following donations:

CANNED: Jam/Jellies.

SINGLE SERVING SNACKS, SUCH AS: Applesauce, Fruit cups, Granola Bars, Crackers/Chips, and Fruit Snacks.

PACKAGED: Pasta.

TOILITRIES: Toilet Paper/Paper Towels, Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes.

Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

Donations can be dropped off at the BVCC @ 1320 E. Oklahoma Ave.:

Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DI SOS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Building reps are needed to help distribute bagged and hot meals provided by outside donors to the needy in our community at Christ Church from 5pm-6pm Friday.

Please contact the Wicks or the church office if you are interested in helping in this important ministry.

NEED: Heavy duty forks and knives to hand out with donated warm meals.

Donations can be dropped off at church during regular office hours. Thanks!

Thank you to the individuals who provided prepackaged plastic ware for the Friday night Share our Suppers. It is so helpful to have this for contact-free distribution with the meals.

Jim and Randene Wick

NEED: PLEASE SUPPORT JIM DANDY'S PUB & GRILL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO DI-SOS

Jim Dandy's Pub & Grill

Address: 8900 S 27th St, Oak Creek, WI 53154,

Phone: (414) 304-8136 **WEB:** <https://www.jimdandysgrill.com/>

Jim Dandy's Pub & Grill has graciously provided Divine Intervention - Share Our Suppers (DI-SOS) with 45 hot meals each Friday evening, since early July, to be distributed at Christ Church through the DI-SOS ministry. Any support you can provide to this restaurant during these difficult times would be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Consider ordering by phone for pick up or mask up and socially distance at their restaurant. Also, mention that you are thankful for their support of DI-SOS.

Jim Wick

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We are currently worshipping online-only. Learn more here.

<https://www.uccmke.org/covid-advent>

You can make your offering to Christ Church at www.uccmke.org/donate or by mailing a check to Christ Church, 915 East Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53207.

