

Order of worship
Sunday Jan 30, 2022
The United Church of Phelps

Announcements Joys & Concerns (Lay Reader)

Prayer for Joys & Concerns* (Pulpit Supply)

Gracious God, we come to you this day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence.

Be with those we have raised to you this morning. Provide healing, comfort and peace where it is needed. Rejoice with us about the joys we have shared with you this day. For all that is in our hearts that is too personal or private to voice, please hear our prayers and meet us where we are.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Centering Music: Partita on "Germany" *arr Craig Penfield from Gardiners Sacred Melodies*

Call to Worship *

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

P: But who am I, that God should call me?

L: You are a beloved child of God.

P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

Hymn I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (TFWS 2051)

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light, you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

Prayer of Confession Silent Prayer (Pulpit Supply to supply for Lay Reader to read)

Prayer of Confession*

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his

proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in His Name that we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance* (Pulpit Supply to supply for Lay Reader to read)

Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven! AMEN.

Prayer of Dedication** (Blessing Offering) (Pulpit Supply)

Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience *agape* love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen.

Children's Chat (Pulpit Supply or we can get someone else)

Scripture Reading (Pulpit Supply)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 4:21-30

Message (Pulpit Supply)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (Pulpit Supply)

Hymn Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry .All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peoples pain I have wept for love of them, They turn away

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone I will speak my word to them Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Blessing* (Pulpit Supply)

God did not say that it would be easy to bring the good news to all people, but God did say that God would be with you. So go now in peace, walking humbly with God. Bring the good news of hope to all the people. AMEN.

Departing Music: Praise and Glory *arr Ruth E. Schram* *Tune: Italian Hymn by Felice de Giardini* *Tune: To God Be the Glory by William, H. Doane*

* <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3546/worship-connection-january-30-2022>

** <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/love-never-ends-being-the-body-of-christ/fourth-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/fourth-sunday-after-the-epiphany-year-c-offertory-prayer>