

Order of worship
The United Church of Phelps - January 16, 2022

Announcements Joys & Concerns

Prayer for Joys & Concerns

Centering Music: (Kay Oosterling) He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought
arr, Matthew McConnell

Call to Worship (from Psalm 36-5-10)

Leader: "Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness o the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Leader: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart."

People: Continue to bless and guide us as we raise our worship and raise to you.

Hymn -"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and minds delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight.

Refrain

Prayer of Confession Silent Prayer

Gracious God, we come to you seeking miracles, but we do not really expect to find them. During our times of joy, we applaud the accomplishments of our own hands and do not recognize your acting in our lives. During our times of struggle we look to remedies that depend upon our own abilities and do not see your freely offered aid. Teach us to look deep within ourselves and find your presence there. Show us the difference between our feeble attempts and your powerful purpose. Help us to recognize the miracles that you perform around us every day so that we may be fully aware of your mercy and omnipotence. Today, as we raise to you the We pray these things in the name of your risen Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Rejoice and be glad! Those who seek the forgiveness of God are blessed and shall be forgiven. Everyone who repents will be made free to live fully in the present. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

God of all life and love, you have endowed us with bountiful blessings. We return to you what you have given to us - our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment. May this giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in your sight. Amen.

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:1-11

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "The First Miracle"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing: Fill our hearts with
joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace, O refresh us,
O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's
joyful sound; May the fruits of The salvation
In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful,
Ever faithful To the truth may we be found;

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the
World away, Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey, May we ever,
May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

Blessing

Departing Music: (Kay Oosterling) Lord Dismiss Us With Your
Blessing