

3/05/23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Music: Played by Judy Treisback

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

P: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

P: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Lenten reading: Barb Mater “Woman at the Well” John 4:4-30

***HYMN:** God is So Good (slides)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours at the computer, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly on our cell phones, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives. God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us: for our lack of trust; for our faithless living; for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus. Forgive us, so we may lay aside all that keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (*silent personal confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI (unison)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Genesis 12:1-4a, John 3:1-17

MESSAGE: 1-15

***HYMN:** The Summons (slides)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the Church and must be resisted.

We believe that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God; That true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this Church. Amen

OFFERING

***Doxology (unison)**

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

May these gifts represent our willingness to deny ourselves, so others might be blessed by your grace, your peace, as well as your hope, in every moment of their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN:** Standing on the Promises #374 *Red Hymnal*

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Departing Music: Played by Judy Tresiback

***Please Stand if Able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BLAST meets Sunday mornings during worship, EXCEPT communion Sunday. (UPK-5th/6th)

There will be a Soup & Service in the Lounge from 6-8 pm every Wednesday during Lent.

March 9th: FREE dinner to go from 5:30-6:15 pm

March 12th: is Scout Sunday. The scouts will assist in the service and there will be a reception following the service to recognize them for their service to our community.

March 17th: is the DEADLINE for ordering flowers. Each plant is \$11.50. (Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinth's, Begonia's and Lilies) See Linda Kastaskas or Renee to order.

March 25th: There will be an Easter Hat decorating class from 2-3:30. Cost is \$7 (\$3 if you supply your own hat) Call the office to sign up.

If there is anyone interested in becoming an Acolyte, please contact Donna Crouse @ 315-694-2515 Or Rose Copper-Brown @ 315-719-4292

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-THURS. 8:30-2PM

Closed from 12-12:30

United Church of Phelps

58 Main St., Phelps NY

March 5, 2023

That mighty Being, who heaped up these craggy rocks, and reared these stupendous mountains, and poured out these streams in all directions, and scattered immortal beings throughout these deserts - He is present, by the influence of his Holy Spirit, and accompanies the sound of the gospel with converting, sanctifying power.

Adoniram Judson

If you accept the belief that baptism incorporates us in the mystical body of Christ, into the divine DNA, then you might say that the Holy Spirit is present in each of us, and thus we have the capacity for the fullness of redemption, of transformation.

Thomas Keating