

3/12/23

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Centering Music: St. Christopher

Played by Judy Treisback *arr Christina Becket*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day the Lord has made

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: God is the one who calls us to worship

**P: We come to celebrate together all the good things God has done.**

**ALL: We give thanks and praise to God**

Lenten reading:

Scripture Reading- Mark 1:39-43 "The Leper"

Read by Ale" Carabello

\*HYMN: Jesus Loves Me! This I Know *Red Hymnal #191*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

**God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping. Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.**

*(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

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have

commanded. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

MESSAGE: For We Have Heard

\*HYMN: Fill My Cup *Blue Hymnal #350*

\*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)

We pray, Gracious God, that our gifts may provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, a community to those living in loneliness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN: How Great Thou Art *Red Hymnal #77*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Departing Music: O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High

Played by Judy Treisback (The Agincourt Hymn) *arr David N Johnson*

***\*Please Stand if Able***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**: FREE dinner to go from 5:30-6:15 pm

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**: 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 15,22,29 Wednesdays**: Soup & Service @ 6PM in the Lounge

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**: 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 25<sup>th</sup>**: 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. (In need of items to add to hats)

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 12, 2023**

*Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.*

*Elie Wiesel*

*Finding your soul begins by discovering our ability to listen! Alternatively, by sharing a smile, a laugh and just by being human to everyone - from friends, colleagues, family, and especially strangers, including those who are not from the same station in life as you.*

*Om Malik*