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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2016

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

*Gathering Music

Please join the choir in singing:

All: Christ is the light, Christ is the light!

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night.

In the eastern sky the stars are shining bright,

Oh, glory hallelujah children, Christ is the light! (repeat)

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #459 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"**

Reading of Scripture: John 2:1-11

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

All: God, we are people with such potential. You have given us the ability to speak and to listen, to serve and to share, to laugh and to cry. You ask that we take what we have and use it to your glory, inviting us to do all that we do in a way that is pleasing to you.

- **Forgive us, O God, for creating more places to complain than to give thanks, for spending more time examining the mistakes of each other instead of the giftedness in one another.**
- **Forgive us for taking so much for granted and for allowing so many of our gifts to lay idle instead of being used.**

Help us to serve you more faithfully. Show us how to be good stewards of all we have. Amen.

Silence

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Whatever our illness, we are welcomed into a community of healing. Whatever our shortcoming, a door is open to a place of restoration. Enter this new place of healing and restoration. A place is here for you and me.

*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)

Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!

Amen we praise your name, O God!

*The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Miracles"

Sermon: "God's Extravagance"

Anthem: "Here I Am Lord"

Our Morning Prayers

The Candle of Remembrance is lit in honor of U.S. Army Sgt. Kyle Mecum serving in Qatar and as a prayer for all military personnel and first responders, especially those in harm's way.

Call to Prayer "Pray"

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our world_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for peace within our souls_____.

Pray___, pray___, pray___ for love and unity_____;

Quiet our busy hearts, Pray___, pray___, pray___ .

Pray___, pray___, pray___

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior (spoken)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,

and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Our Time of Sharing

Invitation to the Offering, The Sharing of Gifts

Offering Music

*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

All: We are giving in the light of God,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,

We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #479 "God Is My Shepherd"**

*The Benediction

*Benediction Response:

All: "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child" (#136)

*Postlude

The Kindle Fire Tablets are not available today, as we are working on the apps. They will be available soon! There are busy boxes at the back of the sanctuary for the children and childcare downstairs for our youngest ones.

Natalie and Claire Hartung and Bonnie Malovitz are participating in today's service along with...

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ
Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor
Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard
Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant
Wade Anderson.....Sexton

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation will be January 31 immediately following worship. All members are urged to be present at this meeting and guests are most certainly welcome. We will be discussing on-line giving, social events and the upcoming Lenten worship services as well as other business that may come before the congregation. If you have something that you would like to bring up at the meeting, it would be helpful if you would let Don McIlvaine know in advance of the meeting so that we can give it an appropriate amount of time for discussion.

Did you know that during this season of Epiphany, which tradition holds is when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ child, we too are bringing gifts? Throughout this month, we will be helping the Blackburn Center aid those who are survivors of domestic violence by collecting paper products (facial tissue, bath tissue, paper towels, 13

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gallon kitchen trash bags, 33 gallon trash bags, 2 gallon jumbo zipper bags) as well as laundry and kitchen detergent, laundry baskets and Giant Eagle or Walmart gift cards. If anyone wishes to make a cash donation, we will use the funds to purchase the gift cards. Thanks from Joyfa Kelly and our Mission Team to our always generous congregation.

In case of bad weather and cancellation of worship, we will be listed on WPXI (Channel 11) TV or at www.wpxi.com as well as on the WPXI Weather App.

This week:

Thursday-Elders 6:00PM

Choir 7:00PM

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM



Looking Ahead:

Launch into Lent with the Northern Westmoreland Association Cluster at Hill's Church-February 5, 2015 at 7:30PM. This will be a U2Charist, using the music of U2 for the celebration of communion.



Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at Denmark Manor on February 10 at 7:30PM with a solemn celebration of confession, ashes and Holy Communion.

Attendance for January 10: 54

Offering for January 10: \$1,892.17

From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

The Reluctant Giver

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

The little boy, for whom the words "tow-headed" seemed to have been invented, eagerly ran to the front of the church for the children's

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message. As they had many times before, most of the children put coins into a basket placed in the aisle along the way. The tow-head ran to the basket and threw two coins in with his right hand. Then he turned back toward the congregation, showed his mother his left hand and declared in a flamboyant stage whisper: "I'm just gonna keep this one." The tow-head's mother waved him over and their heads bent together. After a short exchange, the tow-head trudged back and placed the last coin in the basket. After that, he joined the other kids in the circle. The coin seemingly forgotten, he sang as joyfully and as loudly as any of them.

All due respect to the Apostle Paul, but I just don't agree with him. If I waited until my mind was made up to be generous ... Good Lord! Who knows how long it would be until I gave with both hands? Instead, I pray that God loves those of us who sometimes give only under compulsion. Those of us who, coming upon the basket, the envelope or the cup held out in a dirty hand, pause for a moment and confer with their Mother. Those of us who sometimes have to be nudged into giving. Those of us who, having given at last, join the circle of voices with as much cheer as those for whom generosity comes more easily.

Prayer

Mother, Thank you for your whispers of encouragement. And thank you, too, for the invitation to join the circle of singing voices, even when we our giving comes with reluctance. Amen.



About the Author . . . Jennifer Brownell is an ordained UCC minister and the author of Swim, Ride, Run, Breathe: How I Lost a Triathlon and Caught My Breath, her inspiring memoir.



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