

Unity Moravian Church
January 3, 2020
Second Sunday after Christmas Day

The Congregation Gathers for Worship

Welcome and Call to Worship Rt. Rev. Wayne Burkette

Prelude "Behold, a Rose Breaks Into Bloom"
(J. Brahms) Donna Shore

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Liturgy "New Year" Dana Myers

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits,

Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,

Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;

sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

remain our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let us in penitence and humility confess our sins before the throne of grace,
praying together:

God of mercy, as we mark this moment, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions:

Our broken vows,

Our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity,

Our selfishness and our love of ease,

Our unkindness and indifference,

Our self-indulgence and our pleasures taken at the expense of others,

Our moments when we have not been true to ourselves,

Our lack of faith in your providence.

For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy upon us.

Lord Jesus Christ, we remember in your presence our losses and griefs, our hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who are no longer with us and whose steps we shall hear no more. We pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and which prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering our hearts. Give us comfort and a deep sense of your goodness in every circumstance of life, and when, despite our good intentions, we fail, be our strength and stay.

Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray:

**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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world, be gracious unto us.

Lord God, Holy Spirit, abide with us forever.

God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 147:12-20

Dana Myers

Response in Song

*Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
May your presence, may your presence, with us, evermore, be found.*

Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-18

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Message

"Grace upon Grace"

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Our Response to God

Worship by Giving *Holy, Holy, Holy (arr. M. Ham)* Donna Shore

Prayers for our Church, Community and World Rt. Rev. Wayne Burkette

Prayer Response Donna Shore

Following Our Lamb Into the World

Ministry Opportunities Dana Myers

Closing Hymn

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in
ev'ry generation. Your people still have
known your grace and your blessed consolation. Through
ev'ry age you heard our cry, through ev'ry age we
found you nigh, our strength and our salvation.*

*Lord, nothing from your arms of love shall
Your own people sever. Our helper never
will remove; our God will fail us never. Your
People, Lord, have dwelt secure; our dwelling place you
will endure forever and forever.*

Benediction Rt. Rev. Wayne Burkette

Postlude *Glory Land (arr. L. Smith)* Donna Shore

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Watchword Text for the Year

In essentials UNITY, in non-essentials, LIBERTY,
in all things, LOVE!

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