

Unity Moravian Church
January 31, 2021
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Watchword for the Week:

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

Psalm 111:10

Gathering for Worship

Welcome

Rev. Joe Moore

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. M. Bober

Call to Worship

Shine On Us
Rick Madison

Smith

Offering Our Prayers and Praises

Liturgy of Adoration

Shirley Yoder

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising to the setting of the sun,

The name of the Lord be praised.

Lobe Den Herren

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come all who hear, brothers and sisters, draw near;
join now in glad adoration.*

Glory be to you, Lord God, our Father.

You are the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes.

You chose us in Jesus Christ our Lord before the creation of the world.

**You rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into
the kingdom of your dear son.**

In our union with Christ you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

You have made us worthy to share in that which you have reserved for your people in the kingdom of light.

Your love is so great that we may be called the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we join in proclaiming the glory of your name.

Monkland

*We now with a joyful mind praise you, Lord, for you are kind;
for your mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

Praise, honor, and glory be to you, Christ Jesus, Son of the living God.

To you be glory at all times, in the church which waits on earth for you, and in that which is with you in heaven, now and forever.

Jesus, you are the eternal Word, who became a human being and lived among us.

Those who were yours saw your glory, the glory which you received as the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

In you, the full content of the divine nature dwells in a human body. You are the true God and eternal life.

Through you the whole universe is reconciled to God.

You made peace through your death on the cross.

Therefore God raised you to the highest place above, and gave you the name which is greater than any other name.

Special Music

Isaiah 53

Boltz and Millikan

Rick Madison and Donna Shore

Glory be to you, Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter.

We proclaim your righteousness and praise.

You pour out the love of God into the hearts of all believers, and make their bodies your holy temples.

By our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but you call us through the gospel and enlighten us with gifts of grace.

You dedicate us to God in the true faith, and you enable us to remain in union with Jesus Christ.

We praise you, together with the Father and the Son, now and forever.

Dominica

*Come, Holy Spirit, come, let your bright beams arise;
dispel the darkness from our minds, and open now our eyes.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Lord says: I, even I, am the God who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and will not remember your sins. Go and sin no more.

Lord, make us truly one with all your faithful people as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Munich

*O Word of God Incarnate, O wisdom from on high,
O truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise you for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

*The church from you, dear Master, received this gift divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.*

Intercessions for our Church, Community and World

Dana Myers

Prayer of Intercession

Almighty God, for the opportunity to be used by you in the life of your church,
For our use of your splendid gifts,
For the joy of obedient service.

We dedicate ourselves to you.

For our creation and preservation, and for all the blessings of this life,
For your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
For the fellowship and ministry of your body, the church.

For the opportunity of service in Christ's name through the power of the Holy Spirit,
For your personal presence among us to guide and bless,

We offer our thanks, dear Lord.

For our congregation, that we may know and do your will,
For our bishops, ministers, teachers, and leaders, that they may guide your people
in the truth.
For the peace of the world, and for the renewal of your whole church by the power of the
Holy Spirit,
For all who, in your name, work for justice, reconciliation and peace,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community, for the whole land, and all who live in it,
For the fruitfulness of the earth, and for the careful stewardship
of our natural resources;
For those who travel,
For the poor, the homeless, and the imprisoned,
For the afflicted, the persecuted, the abused, and those who face
temptation, anger, or violence,
For the sick and dying, and for the salvation of all,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Be gracious to us, for to you alone are due all glory, honor, and praise.

Amen.

Sharing God's Word

New Testament

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Rev. Joe Moore

Psalm

Psalm 111

Hymn

Praise the Lord! You Heav'ns, Adore Him

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*Praise the Lord! You heav'ns, adore him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord! For he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.*

*Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer as our gift;
young and old, your praise expressing, our glad songs to you we lift.
All the saints in heav'n adore you; we would join their glad acclaim;
as your angels serve before you, so on earth we praise your name.*

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28

Message

Hymn *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* # 590

*Though I may my speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love: my words are vain as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may speak give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed by this we worship, and are freed.*

Responding to God

Worship by Giving

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. M. Hamm

Ministry Opportunities Dana Myers

Going Forth to Share God's Love

Hymn *God of All, Whose Love Surrounds Us* # 619

*God of all, whose love surrounds us, praise we bring you joyfully,
one in heart and one in purpose, one in Christian love to be.
Lord, awake us to the vision of a world redeemed and free!*

*You have led us by your Spirit to accept your kingdom's goal.
Hand in hand with joy advancing, we are one in heart and soul,
filled by you with one great passion: that the world may be made whole.*

*Grant us, in the mind's maturing, your own guidance on our way.
Purge our hearts from hate and envy; quench the pride that may hold sway;
quicken us with power abundant for the work we face today.*

*Let us then our service render witnessing your love for all,
toiling with unceasing fervor, swift to venture at your call.
Make us in your strength victorious with our Christ, the Lord of all.*

Benediction Rev. Joe Moore

Postlude *Duo* G. Lasceux

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Unity Moravian Watchword for 2021

Come to me, all you that are
weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

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

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