

**January 1, 2017**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
**Deacon's Service**

**Prelude:** *Barbara Collins*

**\*Hymn:** #134 *Joy to the World*

**Welcome** *Carol Magowan*  
**Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Worship**

One: Praise God, all who dwell on this earth. Praise God in the heights and depths of life.

**All: We will recount the deeds of God. Surely God has shown us goodness and mercy.**

One: Praise God, sun, moon and stars. Praise God, fire and hail, snow and frost.

**All: Men and women, young and old, together: Let us praise and honor our Creator.**

One: Let God's name be praised and exalted. God's glory is above heaven and earth.

**All: By God's steadfast love, we are drawn to worship. Our gracious Savior leads us in new ways.**

One: Come let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Redeemer of all who put their trust in you, we seek your presence here. Only our own attitudes can separate us from you. Re-create us in your own image so we may be true to your intentions for us and in tune with your purposes for our life together. In our times of distress, pour out your pity and your love that we may know we are not alone. Lift us up and carry us when our strength fails. Now, in the midst of this congregation, we would praise you and honor your name. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

*Theresa Carroll*

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

O God, we have been so busy with things that do not satisfy! We have tried to fill our emptiness with activities and possessions that drain our energies rather than give life meaning. We do not know how to live, and we are afraid to die. We excuse our own sin at the same time that we deplore the abuse and violence we see in others. We deny the witness of the One who shared our common lot, for we are not willing to take the risks of genuine love. O God, save us from ourselves. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

***Moment of Silent Prayer***

**Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Gloria Patri:** *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.*

**Matthew 26: 17-20, 26-30**

*Mike Clulow*

(Page 36 NT in the pew bible)

**\*Hymn:** #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together (Verses 1 & 2)*

**Sacrament of Communion**

*The cut bread on the communion plate is gluten free.*

*The communion wine is non-alcoholic juice.*

**Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table, renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly.

Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn:** #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together (Verse 3)*

**Offering of Gifts**

*Cynthia LaPier*

**\*Doxology:** *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. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** #144 *In the Bleak of Midwinter*

**Benediction**

*Sarah Zarbock*

**Postlude**

(\*Please stand if able)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our hosts today are John & Linda Estabrook.*

*Communion served by Karin Noyes & Mike Clulow.*

*Hearing Assist Devices are available; Please see a deacon if you would like to use one.*

*Prayer List*

*Will, Al, The Sosnoff Family, Wilma Tillerman, Emily, Leonard Kaufman, Laura Flores, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Family of Trish Johnson, Family of Kit Kellogg, Family of Ann Cuddy, Family of Marianne Fair and Family of Jordan Doyle*

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Monday Office Closed ~ Holiday  
 Thursday 4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study  
 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED**

Cold and snowy weather has arrived! If you have warm winter clothing--coats, hats, gloves--that you no longer use, please donate them for Bridgeport. You can place them in the painted chest located in the hallway of the Parish Hall. Members of the Board of Christian Action Will take them to the UCC church in Bridgeport for distribution to the needy families and homeless in their community.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

Women’s Bible Study meets on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall Library at 4:30 pm. The group is studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to attend.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville is very low on donations and our bins at church are empty. Nonperishable food items needed! Please bring your donations to worship with you on Sunday.

**ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please don’t forget to turn in your pledge card. If you need a new pledge card, you can pick one up at the Church or print one from our website. We also now have the capacity to pledge online! For detailed instructions please visit our website.

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