

Service for the Lord's Day

February 2, 2020 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday after Epiphany



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys & concerns, feel free to join in. It is our usual custom to celebrate Communion by intinction, that is, by dipping a piece of bread into the cup in order to receive both elements of the sacrament simultaneously. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Meditation on "Showalter"

arr. Ben Logan

*Call to Worship

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For some demand signs and others desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many who lack understanding

But to those who are the called, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

We worship God, whose foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and whose weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, You create a new order for our lives: Service before success, faith before knowledge, Partnership over independence, The cross over the crown. Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, Rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world through lens of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

*Hymn

sung to the tune O QUANTA QUALIA

**Glory to God, the Creator unending,
Glory to Christ, Who's eternally redeeming,
And to the Spirit, Who's always sustaining
From the beginning, and now, and forever.**

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(hymn 465, verse 1)

CONVERSE

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament

Micah 6:1-8

(O.T., p. 866)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 15

Refrain

You pure in heart on Zi - on's hill, Your joy - ful songs now
raise. In one ac-cord lift up your voice, Sing forth your
songs of praise. Sing forth your songs of praise.

Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 5:1-12

(N.T., p. 4)

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Message

"I'm glad they're getting something"

J. T. Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Anthem

"How Excellent Thy Name"

G. F. Handel

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Tim Doran

*Hymn 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn #562

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer continues

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 172	"Blest Are They"	BLEST ARE THEY
*Charge & Benediction		
*Hymn 564	"Amen"	AMEN
Postlude	"They'll Know We Are Christians"	arr. Wilbur Held
Depart in Peace		

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

This Week at Hunter

2/4 Tuesday	Unity Garden Meeting (UC) 6:30p.m.
2/5 Wednesday	Blessings in a Backpack (Glendover) 3:30p.m. Outreach Committee 5:00p.m. Choir Practice 7:00p.m.
2/9 Sunday	Early Worship 8:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: the work of the PNC, Josh Spencer, Charlie Allen, Beth Webster, Ann Freytag, Roger Guffey, Todd Guffey, Jim Almgren, Ruth, Dorothy, and the Beattie family, Ruben Thomas, Wilton Cherry, Doris Palmer.

There will be a Unity Garden meeting on Tuesday, February 4th from 6:30 to 8p.m. to prepare for spring planting (no snow date if cancelled due to snow).

Sunday, February 9 bring Valentines for our special kids. It's easiest just to sign the sender's name. There will be some to make, or sign, available at coffee time. Fifteen should cover the kids, BUT it will be a good time to show your love to other church members as well.