

***RESPONSE**

Surely the Presence of the Lord *(See screens)*
 Surely, the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place;
 I can feel His mighty power and His grace;
 I can hear the brush of angel's wings;
 I see glory on each face.
 Surely the presence
 Of the Lord is in this place.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

—Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Women of South St. Ministries program. Items were taken over at Tuesday's AAIC meeting. (If we can, we'll get a photo to publish).

—Thank you also to Judy Lynden who has contributed items for next December's Christmas party as well as socks for the Immigrant Party. Judy purchased these at a wonderful after-Christmas sale at CVS.

—**New office hours** at NCCC. The hours have been extended to Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

2020 Missions Budget:

PCUSA Per Capita-	\$1376	Case CLC Book Fair	\$1000
ICCC General Fund	2000	Community Mission	300
ICCC Ohio Fellowship	300	Valor Home/Liberty House	1000
CAMO	300	Solar Under the Sun	1000
ROW (Global Sustain.)	300	Hunger Walk	300
OFUG	1000	Pastor Discretionary Fund	500
Gennesaret	800	Undesignated Missions	1224
Portage Path Book Fair	1500	Total Reg. Missions	\$12900

Pastor	Director of Music	Audio-Visual
Tom Ulrich	Marlys Hershberger	Carol Davis
Liturgist	Communion	Ushers
Jim Strandberg	Hal and Jackie Horton	Cathy King, Mary Norval, Charles Rader, Clarita Rader

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NEW COVENANT

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Church Service 10:30 am *February 9, 2020*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Tom Ulrich

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jim Strandberg

Leader: God, the Source of all the colors of creation, is worshiped here.
People: God, the Everlasting Light who warms us with fellowship, renews us here.
 Leader: God, the Genesis of love who embraces all humanity, is glorified here.
People: God, the Lighthouse of life who guides us with grace, is honored here.
 Leader: God, the Artist who paints the stormy skies with rainbows, is praised in this place.
People: God, the One who provides true light through the Sun of righteousness, is served in this place.

***HYMN** *In Christ Alone* (See Screens)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION Jim Strandberg

Leader: In Paul's letter to the Galatians, we are reminded that, through Jesus Christ, we all are children of God through faith, and those of us who were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. Yet, even though we are clothed with Christ, we do not always walk with Him . . . we do not always live for Him . . . and we do not always commit ourselves to Him. Therefore let us now acknowledge our sin, first through our corporate prayer of confession, and then through a time when we offer our silent petitions to God. Let us pray together:

People: Radiant Redeemer and Fountain of effulgence, although You send us into the world to shine Your light, we confess that we have often failed to fulfill our calling.

We have retreated into the shadows of self-interest; we have preferred to remain in the dark alleys of indifference; and we have closed our eyes to the instances of injustice and inequality.

Our sin has clouded our concern for the common good, and the world's systems and structures have blinded us to the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, and warm our hearts with Your grace and mercy.

Illumine us with Your light, so that we may share Your love with all people and dispel the world's darkness through the truth and transformation revealed in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. (Silent)

* congregation standing (if able)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (adapted from Ephesians 5:8-9) Jim Strandberg

Leader: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.

People: The fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

James Strandberg

Leader: Through God's forgiveness, the light of Christ shines upon us and the peace of Christ surrounds us. As God's redeemed and renewed people, let us now greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Tom Ulrich

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.

READING FROM THE WORD

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Matthew 5:1-12

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

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READING FROM THE WORD

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Matthew 5:13-16

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Who Are You?

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORD

(Congregants are invited to share any thoughts and questions concerning today's proclamation.)

***HYMN**

Wonderful Words of Life

(See Screens)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

adapted from The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

We have "open" communion, therefore all who desire a closer relationship with God and want to share in the love of Jesus Christ are invited to participate fully in the sacrament.

***HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

(See Screens)

***BENEDICTION**