

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15th , 2023

10:00 AM

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Psalm 40:1-2

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

P: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

L: That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

P: We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We remind one another in our service of worship: Be reconciled to God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS**

"This Is My Father's World"
"Cornerstone"

No. 143

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, You are a God of love and Your care for us knows no bounds. And yet, we sometimes feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life. When our personal situations seem to be spinning out of control, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by anxiety. We confess our lack of trust in your faithfulness towards us. Forgive us for our impatience and instead help us to see where You are already at work in our lives. Steady our minds and fix our hearts upon Your promises and goodness. Fill us with Your joy and encouragement as you renew our thinking. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus, Our Savior. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Create In Me a Clean Heart"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8

ANTHEM

"Jesus Holds the Keys"

Solo By: Roger Rettig

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-23

SERMON

"The Supremacy of Christ"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

"Amazing Grace"

No. 343

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Chancel flowers are presented today in honor of Merritt Joy, presented by her family.

Ushers: Elders

Greeters: Lori McCann

Welcome Desk:

Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore

Liturgist: Julie Freehling

Child Care: Sarah Tarr

<u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	6:30 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
Saturday:	9 AM-2 PM	Session Retreat
January 22nd:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	1-3 PM	Club 35 @ Skate Castle
	6:30 PM	Youth Group

BAPTISM- Today we welcome Merritt Joy Schultz, daughter of Katie and Todd Schultz into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with them as Merritt is marked by God and sealed for His purposes today. The rose on the table is in her honor.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- There is still room in the two new Bible studies after worship. Pastor Steve will be leading a class on the Theology of Mission in Parker Hall. Elder Dave Freund will be teaching a class on the book of Hebrews in Room 15.

AGAPE FEAST VOLUNTEERS- We will be resuming our monthly Agape Feast starting Wednesday, January 25th at 5:00 and are looking for volunteers to help with this month's dinner. There is a signup sheet in the Library.

MOM'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY- Will begin on February 5th after church and will be doing Gather Moms study by Jenny Worsham. "What if you could be more intentional with the time gifted to you in raising your children? The days are long, but the years are short." See Katie Schultz (724-504-8670) for more information. There is a signup sheet in the Library.

SKI TRIP- Our annual church ski trip will be February 25th at Peek N' Peak. We have reserved a private room. Rentals and group rate tickets are available. A signup sheet is in the Library.

CLUB 35- Our next Club 35 Outing will be on Sunday, January 22nd at Skate Castle from 1-3 PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS- We will be having a confirmation class this spring for 5th grade and up. Please see Pastor Mike for more details and to enroll your child.

VOICE- VOICE will not be accepting donations for the months of January and February.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS- Are available in the Library for pickup. Call the office with any questions or concerns. Please let us know if we need to mail your statement.

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