Ardmore United Methodist Church



January 28, 2018 4th Sunday of Epiphany

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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Entrance

It is our privilege to have you join us in worship. If you are new to our faith community, we welcome you. We hope that today's worship will be a fresh and positive "Open Window" to God's transforming love and power for your life. If you are visiting with us or have a new address, please fill out a prayer card in the pew or sign our Guest Book in the entry area (Narthex) as you leave.

Prelude Andante Cantabile Bach
Introit Bless the Lord, O My Soul

*Hymn of Praise O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(verses 1-4, 7)

*Call to Worship (Psalm 111)

L: By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

P: In the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,

L: In the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

P: In the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

L: By this I have known the power of the Lord:

P: In the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,

L: In the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,

P: In the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

P Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

*Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

No. 57

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

No. 70

Opening Prayer (unison) (1 Corinthians 8)

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

No. 895

Proclamation & Response

Children's Time

Craig Wilson

(Children may exit for Sunday School or to Nursery.)

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer (unison)

Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Solo Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117)

Mozart

Translation: Praise the Lord, all people and nations; for His mercy and truth endure forever.

Meryl Dominguez, Soprano

Scripture *Gospel

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Reader: Katy Geare

*The Peace

Ritual of Friendship (Please sign, pass and return to pew rack)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

It is Well With My Soul Offertory

Bliss-Purifoy

*Presentation of Gifts The Doxology

No. 95

*Hymn

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

No. 262

Sermon

The Invitation is Serious

Pastor Tim

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

Go Forth for God

No. 670

Benediction (Deuteronomy 18, Mark 1)

Jesus comes to us, offering healing and hope, speaking and acting with authority. Listen to him. Go into this world, confident in God's love and healing power. Go in peace and may God's love and peace always be with you, Amen.

Postlude

Allegro

Telemann

*Congregation standing

Head Usher: Katherine Beskid

Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Paul and Marie Engard from Paula Engard-Ellis.

Thank you to Katy Geare for hosting coffee hour today. If you'd like to help with coffee hour in 2018, please talk to Pastor Tim or leave a note in office.

Today from 4-7pm.

You are invited to attend an "Interfaith Harmony Benefit Concert" to celebrate Interfaith Harmony Weekend! The concert will take place at Ascension United Church of Christ (1700 W. Main St. Norristown, PA 19403). All proceeds will go to Puerto Rico Habitat for Humanity for the rebuilding of houses and restoration of basic human needs. There is a \$15 suggested donation, children under 12 are free. Please go to www.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets.

Wednesday, Jan 3st - 7:30pm. Investment Committee, Wesley Room Saturday, Feb. 3rd - Tables For 8 (see insert)

Sunday Feb. 4th - llam Worship. Holy Communion 6:30pm - Super Bowl (Go Eagles!)

Thurs, Feb 8th - 7:30pm. Admin Council, Wesley Room

Ash Wednesday & Season of Lent...

Feb. 14th - 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service, St. Luke UMC, Bryn Mawr. Liturgy, Music, Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion. All Welcomed!

Sunday, Feb.18th - First Sunday of Lent

Altar Flowers -The 2018 calendar sign-up is now posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. **Sign up now** to get your requested dates.

Tables for Eight: Calling all diners! Dinners will be on Saturday, February 3rd, March 3rd and April 7th. (See insert.)

Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the Narthex. Pledge cards are also still available. Thank you for your generosity in 2017. Statements will be going out shortly.

Camp Innabah & Winter Retreat Event - see bulletin board outside of church office for more information.

Food - For now, all donations will be going to St. Mark's in Broomall. Thanks for your caring and sharing.

Upper Rooms - Regular and large print for Jan. & Feb. are now available in the Narthex.

If needed - Hearing devices are available for anyone during the church service. Please see an usher who will assist.

