

# Pultneyville Reformed Church

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Life Of The Congregation/Joys And Concerns

## Our Approach to God

Votum

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God Creator of heaven and earth.

**P: Amen.**

Sentences (**Psalm 27:1-9**)

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**P: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

**P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

L: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**P: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

L: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Salutation - (*Philippians 1:2*)

**\*Opening Hymn:** *I Danced in the Morning (See back of bulletin)*

Prayer of Confession – (*An Anglican Prayer*)

**Gracious God we are your children and disciples. Sometimes we sin against you with the innocence of children. Other times we sin with the knowledge of mature disciples. Whether as children or disciples we need and seek your forgiveness for the things we have done against you and our neighbors. We seek forgiveness for the things we have done that have brought offense to you or hurt others. We ask for your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison -- *spoken*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon -- *Psalm 103*

L: Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace. **Amen**

**P: Amen.**

Summary of the Law -- *Matthew 22:37-40*

\* Gloria Patri -- *sung*

**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. Amen.**

Traditions

\*Choral Anthem

## **The Word of God in Proclamation**

Prayer of Illumination

Lectionary Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson: I Corinthians 1:10-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

\* Hymn #102 *Arise, Your Light is Come*

Sermon: *The Message of Fools*

Prayer For Blessings

\* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

\* The Peace

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**P:** And, also with you.

## **Our Response to God's Grace**

### Offering

\* Doxology -- "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication (*Westminster Directory of Worship*)

**Dear God, who has so greatly loved us and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank offering unto you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

\* Closing Hymn #251 *The Church's One Foundation*

#### Postlude

#### Response

**L:** And all God's people said:

**P:** Glory be to God, Amen and Amen.

\* Benediction

**Welcome to the Pultneyville Reformed Church**  
**“A community of faith seeking to express, in all of life, the mind of Christ”**

Everything you need to participate fully in worship is found in the bulletin. Please rise at the places indicated by an (\*) if you are able.

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Alison DeMarree (2024)  
Mark Lagoner (2023)  
Carolyn Youngs (2024)

**Deacons**

Chip Bailey (2023)  
Craig DeNagel (2023)  
Chelsea Manahan (2024)  
Donna Reuter (2024)

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

**Nathan & Nozomi Brownell**

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke

**Japan**

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**Felipe & Janelle Silva**

Luca, Sofia, Mila

**Romania**

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**OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR**

Sunday – January 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:40 Choir Rehearses

10:00 Worship

5:00 PRC Connections Deadline

Thursday – January 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30 Bible Study

12:00 Caring Hands

Sunday – January 29<sup>th</sup>

8:40 Choir Rehearses

10:00 Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus / Organist/Choir Director: Dr. Morgan Nikolov  
Elder: Mark Lagoner / Liturgist: Tom Moenter / Greeter: Diane Stanton  
Usher: Donna Reuter / Coffee Host: Ron and Jeannie Cole

The flowers in the sanctuary are to welcome Alan and Carol Verbridge's 8<sup>th</sup> Grandchild, Izabel Ann.

There is still time to sign up for the Women's Retreat. See Bulletin Board in Trinity Hall for more information.

The deadline for the February issue of our newsletter, PRC Connections is today! Please email your submissions to the church office at [prc@pultneyville.org](mailto:prc@pultneyville.org).

## I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS Irregular with refrain

Sydney Carter, 1963

American Shaker melody  
Harm. Sydney Carter, 1963

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the  
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I  
 4. I danced on a Fri - day when the  
 5. They cut Me down and I

world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the  
 Phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they  
 cured the lame; The ho - ly peo - ple  
 sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the  
 leap up high; I am the life that will

stars and the sun, And I came down from heav - en and I  
 would not fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
 said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
 dev - il on your back. They bur - ied My bod - y and they  
 nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

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danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had My birth.  
 James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.  
 hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.  
 thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and I still go on.  
 live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

*Refrain*

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.