



FEDERATED CHURCH
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Gathered at 76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation
Ministers to the Congregation: All the Church Staff

January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

10:15 a.m.

Theme: The Power of Christ Conquers our "Unclean Spirits."

* **Prelude** *Arietta, Op. 68 No. 4* (Horatio Parker) Charles Carr

Welcome and Concerns of the Church Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

As we gather for worship this morning, please take a moment to pray for those seated around you and those far away. Then take a few minutes after the service to introduce yourself to someone you don't yet know, with an invitation to join you for coffee or tea. Thank you for helping to personalize our Church Family by wearing a nametag.

Introit *Come Unto Me, All Ye Heavy Laden* (Cherubini/Lovelace) Chancel Choir

* **Call to Worship** Paul Libby, Worship Leader

Leader: Come, all you who desire clean hearts.

People: We come to ask the God of forgiveness to cleanse our hearts.

Leader: Come, all you who seek community.

People: We come to be reminded to love our neighbors.

Leader: Come, all you who seek to make a more just world.

People: We come to focus our vision on building God's realm.

* **Opening Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 56

Opening Prayer

Leader: Good and gracious God,
As we gather for worship this morning, we come yearning for wholeness.
For all the places we are broken, we seek your loving balm.
Mend our hearts weighed down with the scars of fractured relationships,
the burden of unforgiveness and grudges, the pain of misunderstanding,
the sorrow of loss. Mend our bodies and minds suffering from illness,
affliction, anxiety, fatigue.

All: Divine Healer, send your spirit upon us, drive out that which impairs us, and make us whole again.

Sing: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord No. 306

Leader: Compel us to heal your wondrous world O God. Forgive us for all the ways we misuse your gifts, all the pollution and the scars we have left upon this planet, all the resources we have wasted and depleted. Make us aware of the beauty and fragility of your creation, so that we might work to restore its wholeness.

All: Divine Healer, send your spirit wisdom and strength upon us, drive out our greed and compulsions, that we might walk more gently on this earth.

Sing: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord No. 306

Leader: Open our hearts to recognize the face of Jesus in the people of this world. In the lives of those who struggle with lack of resources, with poverty and extreme hardships, may we make a difference. Help us to see others as our brothers and sisters, to be in relationship with them, working side by side with them, to build a world of justice and hope.

All: Divine Healer, send your uniting spirit, drive out what divides us and keeps us separated, that we might work together toward a world where peace and love reign.

Sing: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord No. 306

Scripture Reading Psalm 111

Faith Witness

Rev. Leslie Penrose
Executive Director, *JustHope*

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Christmas Eve Offering to *JustHope*

- * **Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 73

Offering Our Lives and Resources

Please sign the Hospitality Booklet at the end of each pew and return it again, noticing names and faces of those with whom you are worshiping. After the service be sure to take a moment to greet those worshiping with you, especially those who may be new among us.

Offertory Anthem *O Sing a Song of Peace* (Stan Pethel) Chancel Choir

- * **Song of Dedication** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* No. 49

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- * **Lord's Prayer ("sins")**

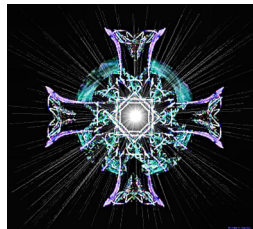
Scripture Reading Mark 1:21-28

Sermon Rev. Throckmorton

- * **Closing Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* No. 668

- * **Benediction**

- * **Postlude** *Prelude to Te Deum* (Marc-Antoine Charpentier) Charles Carr



~ Departing To Serve ~

- * Those who are able stand ***** Worshipers may be seated
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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are in honor of Eva Jean Trace as she turns 92 today. Please join her in Fellowship Hall after the service and enjoy a piece of her birthday cake.

The flowers from today's worship will be rearranged and distributed by the Angel Flower Ministry.

An Opportunity to Honor and Remember a Loved One

If you are interested in recognizing someone or something by donating an altar arrangement, we have an opening for Sunday, February 12. You are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after the 10:15 service, or our Angel Flower Ministry will be happy to arrange the flowers into smaller arrangements and deliver them to those in our church family who may need a bit of cheer. Please contact Sue Mansour at 440.338.4740 or sueman@roadrunner.com if interested.

Ushers

Sue Mansour, Janet Berlincourt, Bill & Silvia Kenneweg, Wendy Pierce, Skip Riegel, Mary Ann Viveros and Jim Whitelaw.

Pastoral Care

Bob Abley, Mary Ann Boysen, Paul Neidhardt, Marge Overman, Carol Poe, and Lois Wright.



Hearing Loop System Available

This Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop system that works with all Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity. For more information please speak to an usher.
