

from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - SEE SCREEN

Message: Hope for a New Year Pastor Mark Gregory

Preparing for a Week of Serving

*The Closing Hymn: Hope of the Nations See Screen
~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

*The Blessing, Alleluia & Benediction:

Postlude: Tina Andersen

Offerings for December 31, 2017		Worship Assistants for December	
Operating	\$22,377.00	Church Guardians	Greeters:
Designated	\$440.00	Ben Moe (1/7)	1/7 - Joan McEachern & Julie Kline
Attendance	74	Fred Dickson (1/14)	w/Makayla Duran & Olive Fahey
		Jeff Farren (1/21)	Acolyte: Sadie Pottinger
		Andy Hamblin (1/28)	
		Liturgist: June Davis	1/14 - Pam & Andy Hamblin
		1/14 Sandy Lindblom	w/Gio Olvera & Emma Contreras
			Acolyte: Lexi Rein
			1/21 - Keith & Terri Frisk
			w/DJ Melhouse & Greyson Tsusaki
			Acolyte: Jenna Anderson
			1/27 - Rick & Carol Falato
			w/Chanel Bravo & Cayla Pottinger
			Acolyte: Chris Andrus

Condolences for Regina's Sister can be sent to:

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Worship: 10:00 A.M.

January 7, 2017



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future."

~ Robert H. Schuller

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.'"

~Alfred Lord Tennyson

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

~Desmond Tutu

We Gather Together

Prelude:
Lighting the Path
Ringling of the Bells
Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

Tina Andersen

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

People: O you who answer prayer! To you all nations shall come.

Leader: Happy are those whom you bring near to live in your courts.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Leader: By awesome deeds you deliver us, O God of our salvation;

All: You are the hope of all people, to the ends of the earth and the farthest limits of the seas. (adapted from Psalm 65)

Opening Hymn: *We Three Kings* *Chalice Hymnal #172*

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, who gave shape to creation and who appointed me a steward of its care, I confess that in greed, selfishness and willful ignorance I have sometimes run roughshod over the earth and my fellow creatures. Other times, I look the other way when I am able to help or heal or make whole a part of your world, one of your creatures, or another one of your children. Renew Your Spirit within me and give me a right perspective on myself and my place in your world. Move me from gluttony to gratitude, from consumption to care, from marauding to managing, that I may join you in the processes of creating and re-creating, renewing and reconciling. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Because God loves us and will always love us, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace:

With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

***Please pray for members of our congregation, their friends and families.

Bill Andersen
Brad Andrus
Michelle Atwood
Bill Behrens
Lynn Belcher

Mary Cass
Doc Coleman
Dee Cruise
Bob Freeman
Mary Freeman

Norm Kuhman
Sandy Lindblom
Mazie Marshall
Jean Martin
Ed Niesen

Joanne O'Brien
Ethel Perkins
Sandy Veselka
Marie Wayne

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response:

Responding to God's Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

Offertory Hymn:

***The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

Loving Heavenly Parent, I offer these gifts back to you, knowing they have always belonged to you. Let my giving show that I intentionally affirm your good purposes for this world and all within it. Unite my hands and heart with you, so that Your light might shine through me and chase away the darkness of this world. In the name of Christ, your son and bearer of your light, Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Background

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1-7, 10-13

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile