

**McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship March 5, 2023
Rev. DiAnne Hatch, Guest Preacher**



The Apostle Paul by Rembrandt van Rijn, c. 1657

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have climbed up the steps to enter God's Sanctuary, to give God our thanks.

God formed us out of the dust of the earth; we are grateful to be here, Lord.

God continues to breathe new life into every dead part of us.

We want to hear these stories of new life and how much we are loved.

Story by story with hints and wisdom from the Bible we greet you, Lord.

We will listen for this wisdom, so that we can truly live as disciples of Jesus, caring for the earth and one another, and walking into the future by faith.

PRELUDE

Pastoral

Leo Sowerby

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

VOLUNTARY

Meditation

Leo Sowerby

Meditations on Communion Hymns

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of our wanderings, you have led us through many barren places, and have been our Provision. Forgive us for the times we have complained against you and have been ungrateful for your many acts of mercy in our midst. You who draw us close to yourself, bring light out of our darkness, and life from death. Forgive the frailness of our faith; come live and reign in us now, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Isaiah 43

Let us join together in God's promise.

"When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. . . Because you are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

*HYMN #581

Lead Us from Death to Life

World Peace Prayer

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 12: 1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great so that you will be a blessing. . . and in you, ALL the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Abram's story continues in Genesis 15: 1 – 6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'Oh Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless . . . You have given me no offspring. ' .. The Lord brought Abram outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them. . . so shall your descendants be.' And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

In Chapter 17 the Lord makes a Covenant with Abram. The outward sign of this covenant is the circumcision of all males at 8 days old. In requesting this the Lord changes Abram's name to Abraham.

From Genesis 21 "The Lord dealt with Sarah (who was about 90 years old) as the Lord had promised. She conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age . . . Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born. "

ANTHEM

I Opened My Mouth to the Lord

Dr. Raymond Wise

arr. by Brandon Young-Eleazar

I opened my mouth to the Lord, and I won't turn back.

I will go. I shall go, to see what the end's going to be.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4, select verses

SERMON

People Come Apart

Rev. DiAnne Hatch

Omer Westendorf, 1976

Robert E. Kreutz, 1976

Refrain

You sat-is - fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

Fine

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and grat - i - tude
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured?
4. The mys-tery of Your pres-ence, Lord, No mor - tal tongue can tell:
5. You give Your-self to us, O Lord; Then self - less let us be,

So when You call Your fam-ily, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 That You should count us wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav - en - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 Whom all the world can - not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 To serve each oth - er in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PC(USA) Book of Common Worship, 2018

The recipe for McKinley communion bread is created by Julie Birdwell. It is vegan, gluten-free, and uses a gluten-free sourdough starter. For those who are curious, it contains Sorghum Flour, White Rice Flour, Brown Rice Flour, Oat Flour, Teff Flour, Tapioca Flour, Potato Starch, Water, Xanthan Gum, Turbinado Sugar, Kosher Salt. We are willing to further adapt the recipe if any of these ingredients is problematic for any allergy sufferer, just let Julie Birdwell know.

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

People will come from east and west from north and south and sit at a table in the kingdom of God. We will sit with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, with all the prophets, and with our Lord Jesus.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We continue in prayer . . .

Life-giving God,

At the very beginning of time, you set creation in motion, our world teeming with diversity of every kind: dogs and fishes, zebras and possums, crows and chickadees, owls and ferns, giant oaks and milkweed, corn, and carrots. You created the stars without number, and then you took simple mud, molded it into human form, and placed us in a garden filled with beauty and every kind of food good to eat.

"You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat."

Even in that first garden, humans chose to disobey your wishes. Our race chooses domination and war and self-centeredness so often, that the world soon became a mess. We see this continue in our time on earth: walls are built, weapons forged, and people were taken captive against their will. You sent prophets to call us back, your words and stories were printed in a book, and still, we find ways to ignore the plans you have for lives of love and kindness, and courage. Our song rises to you, once more:

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Because of our collective failures, we remember those who go without food today – the hungry, the homeless, the poor, and those destitute from war and earthquake and fire and flood. We pray for those whose minds and spirits are hungry – children without equal access to education, those lonely for friendship, and those missing loved ones. We pray for all whose lives are impoverished.

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Even when we have denied you and your good gifts, when we failed to carry Abraham’s blessing to others, when we strayed as prodigals to a far country, still you loved us and made a new covenant in the gift of Jesus, who emptied himself that we might live. He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, and ate with those scorned and forgotten by this world. Jesus gave a holy meal for his disciples, as a feast of his ever-present love. Jesus took bread and the cup of wine, and served his disciples, saying: “Do this for the remembrance of me.” We remember Christ’s service, his suffering and death, his resurrection, and his abiding presence with us symbolized in this meal.

“You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.”

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, Lord God as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Creator Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us now into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

GATHERING MUSIC

Let us Break Bread Together

Traditional Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Leo Sowerby
Meditations on Communion Hymns

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leader	Naomi Jakobsson
Liturgist	Luisa Stone
Guest Preacher	Rev. DiAnne Hatch
Pastor	Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Choral Director	Alonza Lawrence
Guest Music Director	Brandon Young-Eleazar
Director of Children's Education	Sara McHenry
Worship Techs	Josh Harris, Lara Hebert
Guest Musician	Matthew Chiu

TO REACH ANY OF THE STAFF AT MCKINLEY

You can send an email to office@mckinleycu.org to reach anyone at McKinley Church or McKinley Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Information from C-U Public Health District

Community Level is "Low." Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.

Jubilee Cafe Looking for Cooks

Interested in helping cook at Jubilee Cafe? They are looking to increase their pool of cooks. Times are Mondays, 2-5. Some kitchen experience is helpful but not required. They will teach volunteers about working in a commercial kitchen. For more information, email Johnell Bentz (johnell.bentz@gmail.com)

UKirk Student Lunch Today!

College students are invited to come to the McKinley Church basement at 11:30 a.m.

Today, March 5th, for an informal lunch with other students from UCC and St. Andrews. Please join us for some fellowship and fun!

Service and Conversation for McKinley Youth, Today during Worship

All McKinley youth (6th through 12th grade) are invited **today** during worship to help our younger friends' complete decorations for the Presby Hall dining tables and to help sell our fair-trade items after worship. This will be followed by Snacks and Conversation in our youth meeting room. Activities will end at 12:30. Please plan to join the group.

First Sunday Fair Trade Sales Begin!

Are you looking for a responsible way to purchase your coffee, tea, and chocolate bars? The McKinley youth will begin selling these fair-trade items again every first Sunday after worship beginning this week. We have a variety of coffee (both ground and whole beans) and several types of tea and candy bars on hand and it will also be possible to order 5-pound bags to be delivered within two weeks. Please visit our table at the back of the sanctuary directly after worship.

March Food Pantry Request

Beginning today we will be requesting specific items needed by our Garden Hills Food Pantry.

PEANUT BUTTER AND TAMPONS have been identified as special needs for the month of March. Please deliver your donations to the bins located at the back of the sanctuary or to the main desk in the foundation.

Thank you.

People News

McKinley member, Abby Beck, successfully passed her preliminary exam last week and has advanced to Ph.D. Candidacy. She is working on her doctorate in Civil Engineering and focuses on incorporating equity considerations into our infrastructure decision-making for improved community resilience to natural hazards. Congratulations, Abby!

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS WEEK?

Sunday, March 5	10:30 AM	Guest Preacher, Rev. DiAnne Hatcher, Communion Service
Monday, March 6	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 7	11:00 AM	Buildings and Grounds Meeting
	7:00 PM	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday, March 8	5:15 - 6:30 PM	Come & See Wednesday Bible Study - Zoom & In-Person
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Coffee and Conversation
	7:00 - 8:00 PM	McKinley Choir Practice
	1:30 - 3:30 PM	Rev. Heidi Office Hours
Thursday, March 9	4:30 PM	Grants & Scholarships Meeting
		Rev. Heidi Out of Office
Friday, March 10	5:00-9:00 PM	Food & Fellowship, McKinley Foundation
Sunday, March 12	10:30 AM	Rev. Heidi Weatherford Preaching, Sunday Services
	2:00 PM	Session Meeting



McKinley Church is conducting an annual stewardship drive throughout the month of February. The theme this year is **“Live Generously—Share God’s Blessings.”** In each newsletter during February, McKinley members have agreed to share their experiences and some of what McKinley means to them. It is hoped that these stories and those shared during Sunday morning worship this month will encourage others to pledge to the annual campaign in support of all of McKinley’s programs.

100% of the church elders have committed to making a pledge to the campaign and hope you will join them. Pledge forms are available at the back of the sanctuary each week and online at <https://3uqqm5ei79m.typeform.com/to/BdKYONN7> or scan the code above.

During worship this week, there is a special time focusing on the annual stewardship drive for 2023-2024. Arianna Holterman, a congregational member, will be sharing her experiences at McKinley and a slide show, prepared by Paula Hancock, will highlight the many ways we use financial donations to support our church.

Following this, a time is designated to come forward to present pledges. If you have not already pledged online or by mail, please consider bringing your completed form with you this week to help show in a visible way how we can support McKinley and help the Session better budget for the next fiscal year. We are grateful for all the ways people share their gifts with the church.

McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith

Offering genuine welcome,

Working for reconciliation, and

Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COUNTRY / FIRST
PEOPLES**
*(An act towards
reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.



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