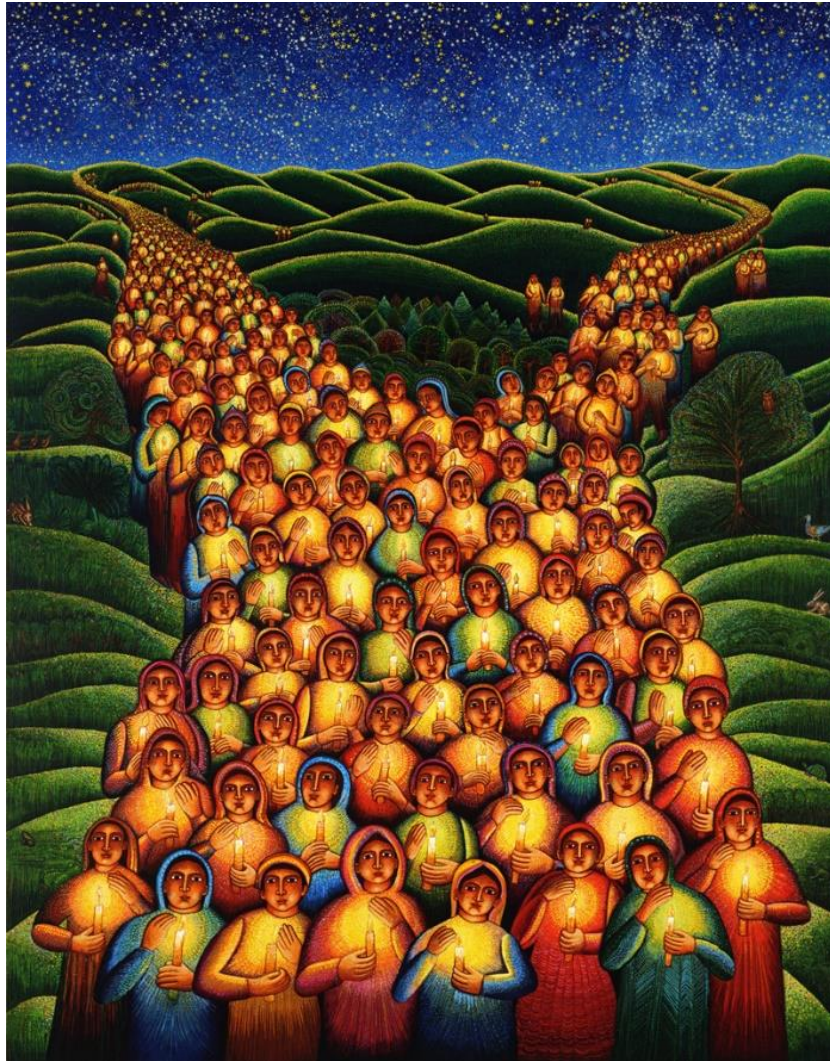


McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
10:30 AM February 11, 2024 Second Sunday of Stewardship



Festival of Lights, John August Swanson

GATHERING TONES
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM)

Let your light shine!
We are the salt of the earth.
Let your light shine!
We are the light of the world.
Let your light shine!
Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!
Let your light shine!

PRELUDE

Minuet in G

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:2-3b NRSVUE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest....

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thom Shuman

**Called to be light, we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.
Called to be salt, we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.
Called to live in God's reality, we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

VOLUNTARY

Adagio in Ab

Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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

* HYMN #164

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTIVAL SONG

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PAM

Into this space we bring our weights and burdens—the things we have done or not done,
said or not said. Trusting in God's mercy, let us lay down those burdens before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PAM

**Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform
righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how
we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually
sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy
on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to
justice and peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you. **May the God of Peace be with us all.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kahanga-Hanga

Brandon Young-Eleazar, soloist

Music by Eduardo P. Hontiveros; Lyrics by Redentor Corpuz

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 5:13-16 NRSVUE

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

“People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven.”

REFLECTION

Barbara England

*HYMN

Here in This Place/Gather Us In (verses 1,2, 4)

GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;
 brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
 Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CLOSING PRAYER

Vanderbilt Divinity School

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation.
**Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,
that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work:
to heal and shelter,
to feed and clothe,
to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Maori, from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

Howard Thurman, adapted

Open unto us—**light for our darkness.**
Open unto us—**courage for our fear.**
Open unto us—**hope for our despair.**
Open unto us—**peace for our turmoil.**
Open unto us—**joy for our sorrow.**
Open unto us—**strength for our weakness.**
Open unto us—**wisdom for our confusion.**
Open unto us—**forgiveness for our sins.**
Open unto us—**love for our hates.**
Open unto us—**thy Self for ourselves.**
Lord, Lord, open unto us! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

from Messe pour les convents François Couperin (1668-1733)

Assisting in Today's Service

Guest Preacher, Barbara England
Liturgist, Trudy Diepholz
Pastor, Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Director of Children's Education, Sara McHenry
Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence
Organist, Andrew Woodruff
Worship Techs, Josh Harris and Lara Hebert

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Coming this Week:

Monday, February 12, 2024	11:30am 1-3pm	Staff Meeting Rev. Heidi's office hours
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	1:00-3:00 PM 3:30-6:00 PM 5:45-6:15 PM	Garden Hills Food Pantry – packaging Garden Hills Food Pantry – distribution Garden Hill Food Pantry – clean up
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	6:30pm 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service Choir
Friday, February 16, 2024	5-9 pm	Rev. Heidi Day Off Food & Fellowship, McKinley Foundation
Sunday, February 18, 2024	10:30am	Sunday Service, Intergenerational Service
Monday, February 19, 2024	6:00-8:00pm	Coordinating Council Meeting

Successful Chili Cook Off

Thank you to all who attended and entered the chili cook off last Sunday. It was a huge success! The youth will be using the proceeds for a two-night retreat early this August. We wish to recognize the wonderful judges: Breana Griffith, Julie Birdwell, Heidi Weatherford, James Griffiths, Arthur Rutledge, Kathie Spegal and Ella Yoder. Thanks to Lara Hebert all the winners received a certificate and 1st Place winners went home with an engraved wooden spoon. Those winners are:

- Spicy Category: Mike Cain - 1st Place, Sam Tillman - 2nd Place, Andrew Woodruff - 3rd Place
- Regular Category: Barb Curtis - 1st Place, David Norbot - 2nd Place, Kate McLean - 3rd Place
- Vegetarian Category: Naomi Jakobsson - 1st Place, Marlyn Rinehart- 2nd Place, Paula Hancock- 3rd Place

Lenten Blog: "We have these promises, dear friends"

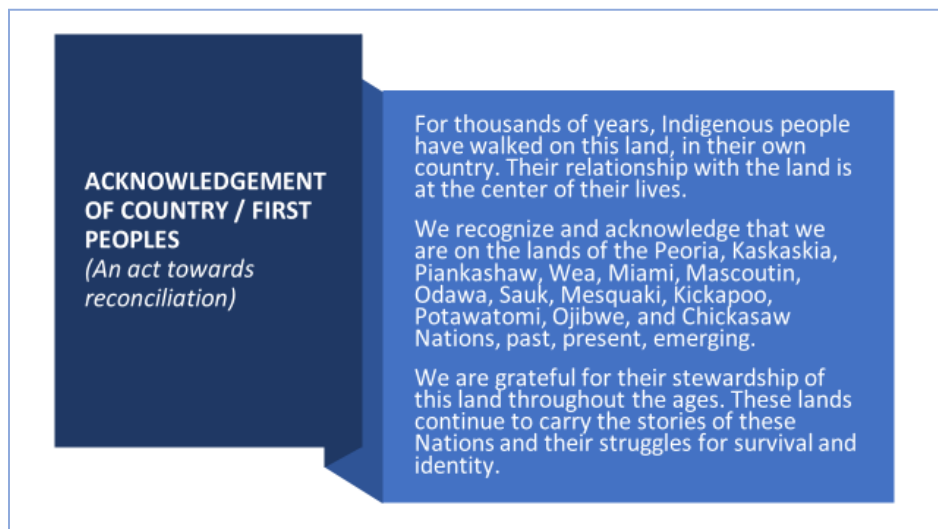
Rev. Connie Bandy and Barbara England are offering an online devotional blog for Lent this year. Weekly posts include a visual piece, scripture, reflection, prayer and music or other art form for further thought.

This year we offer reflections about promise. Ours is a covenant God, partnering with us towards our redemption. We are familiar with the five foundational covenants of scripture between the Holy One and Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and finally the new covenant through Jesus. What else does God promise us?

During Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday we will look at the lectionary readings through the lens of promise. They shine a light of love, hope and faith into our lives. And so we name our series from the passage in 2 Corinthians 7:1, "We have these promises, dear friends." We hope you will join us as we move through this holy season with scripture, imagery, prayer and music. If you are interested please contact Barbara England at englandba@comcast.net

Tackle Hunger with our Youth on Souper Bowl Sunday

The McKinley Youth are again participating in the Souper Bowl Sunday project with other youth groups across the country. They are asking our congregation and their family and friends to Tackle Hunger by making financial gifts as well as donations of peanut butter to support our own Garden Hills Food Pantry. The final collection will take place this today (Super Bowl Sunday). Collection containers are in the back of the sanctuary. Our numbers will be reported to the Souper Bowl organizers and combined with those from all the youth groups who take part. This began with one youth group in the 1980s and now records numbers in the millions each year. Each group participating donates to an organization that works to alleviate hunger in their community. It is a true grassroots effort. Please consider joining the efforts of our youth.



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.

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