

**McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**10:30 AM February 2, 2025 Fourth Sunday in Epiphany**



Heart of the World, Mikhail Reva, Odessa Children's Hospital, Ukraine

**GATHERING TONES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Thom Shuman, adapted

With powerful words and dramatic gestures, with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,  
**we respond to God's call to offer healing and hope to our world.**

With courage to face the injustices around us, with the willingness to go into the brokenness,  
**we fulfill the call of God to engage in faithful witness.**

With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds, with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,  
**we become the Spirit's refuge for all who live in worry and fear.**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

I invite you to join me in lighting candles of hope for the world.

**May our prayers for peace shine through our lives and into the world.**

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

**VOLUNTARY**

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976  
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778  
 Text © 1980 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess in faith, trusting in the hope that God's love restores us and makes us whole. Please join me, praying,

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts. But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may**

**hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.**

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives. In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

**In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you,

**And also with you.** *Please take a moment to greet one another with the sign of God's peace.*

#### ANTHEM

I Love the Lord

#### A READING FROM SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 12:26-13:13

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work power deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

**But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.**

13:1 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

**Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs;**

**it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.**

**It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**Love never ends.**

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

**And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Heidi Weatherford

\*HYMN

Though I May Speak

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## Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

TEXT: Hal H. Hopson, 1972  
 MUSIC: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972  
 Text and Music © 1972 Hope Publishing Company

GIFT OF LOVE  
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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Our Mission is Growing

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

*Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Please pass the offering plate down the pew. When it gets to the end turn around and give it to the person immediately behind you*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Thom Shuman

All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from God. Let us in turn offer our gifts to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

## Offertory

by Johann Pachelbel

## \*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!  
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thom Shuman

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Liturgy from the 2018 Book of Common Worship,  
Mark A Miller, and Maren Tirabassi*

*The recipe for McKinley communion bread is adapted by Julie Birdwell from "Gluten-Free Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day", written by Hertzberg and Francois, 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. The ceremonial loaf is a yeast-free, vegan loaf using gluten-free flour and oat milk. We are willing to further adapt the recipe if any of these ingredients is problematic for any allergy sufferer, just let Julie know.*

*In addition to GF bread, McKinley uses only non-alcoholic grape juice in our common service*

## INVITATION

## THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Sung)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth we praise you for your love:

**bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust,  
leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home,  
giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

(Sung)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, Lord for your life, hope, and love we see in Jesus:

**Light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate, way and truth,  
bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.**

We take this bread made from the grain that grows up out of the earth and this juice made from grapes which flourish in the sun and the rain you provide and we celebrate the gift of life that you provide for us. Here, we offer ourselves that we may become signs of your grace in our world. Great is the mystery of faith:

(Sung)

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

Spirit, come— come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup,  
**in your people, one in the body, one in the blood;  
one with Christ, one in ministry,  
in this place, in every place; in this world, in the world to come.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The bread on your table is blessed and broken. As long as it is open to all, it is holy.  
**Sharing love, we will never be hungry.**

The cup on your table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy.  
**Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.**

GATHERING MUSIC **Amen. Amen, A-men! Hosanna in the highest! (3x)**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Holy One, we give you thanks for honey from rocky times, hope from fearful thoughts and burdened shoulders, bread and roses from the labor of hands and minds. Bless us as we move forward to change your world one footstep at a time. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      This Little Light of Mine

*Spiritual*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Assisting in Today's Service**

Liturgist, Kathie Spegal

Director of Children's Education, Sara McHenry

Organist, Andrew Woodruff

Pastor, Heidi Weatherford

Director of Music, Alonza Lawrence

Worship Techs, Josh Harris and Lara Hebert

**How to Contact the Church Staff** All church staff can be contacted through the McKinley Website: [www.mckinleycu.org](http://www.mckinleycu.org).

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Or by mailing your donations to  
"McKinley Presbyterian Church"  
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Champaign, IL 61820



**Coming this Week:**

<b>Sun, Feb 2</b>	11:40 am	Chili Cook Off
<b>Mon Feb 3</b>	11:30 am	Staff Meeting
<b>Tues Feb 4</b>	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
<b>Wed Feb 5</b>	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Sat Feb 8</b>	1-2:30 pm	Student Food and Fellowship
<b>Sun Feb 9</b>	10:30 am 2 pm	Sunday Worship Session Meeting



**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.

**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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