

Living Our Faith

January 16, 2022 — 8:15 and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

Second Sunday after Epiphany



Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

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Thought for the Day

“Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prelude

Allegro

F. King

Let us assume an attitude of worship during the Prelude.

Gathering

Tolling of the Church Bell

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Register located at the inside end of the pew and pass it to the person seated next to you.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Welcome to worship beloved of God.

We come desperately seeking a steady place to stand.

Whatever winds may blow, God remains steadfast.

We come desperately seeking hope for the future.

God's work for a just and whole world never stops.

**We come with our fears and our sadness,
our dismay and our distress.**

God is with us, ready and able to receive all that we bring.

God is our rock, our refuge, and our salvation.

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, keep safe the vulnerable in our towns and cities; the no-fixed-abode, rough sleeping, cold and hungry, enslaved and exploited, depressed, suicidal, the elderly, lonely and almost invisible. Bless those who help with food and clothing, shelter and counselling. Increase our awareness and concern for their needs, these, your vulnerable children. Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

10:00 A Moment for Children

Pastor John

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers.

Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

Community Prayers

*Hymn #560

Help Us Accept Each Other

*Reading of the Holy Scripture — 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

10:00 Anthem

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Prerecorded

The Chancel Choir and Friends

Sermon

“God’s Call Using Spiritual Gifts”

Pastor Claude

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Human Relations Day

Offertory

Moderato

S.A. Nivens

*Doxology Hymnal #94

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #114

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Benediction

Postlude

Etude

T. Lagid

*Please rise as you are able. Bold text indicates congregational response.





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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Human Relations Day Offering Today

On this United Methodist Church Special Sunday, we join congregations across the United Methodist connection, we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

Church Office Closed for MLK Day

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 17. In you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Claude at 630.297.8574.

Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Our Administrative Council will be meeting online through Zoom on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting link is available in *Happenings*. All church members are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the discussion. Join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Film Viewing: *King in Chicago*

Wednesday, January 26; 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary for a viewing and brief discussion of this documentary of Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy. From the movie description, "Most people learn about Dr. King's amazing leadership in fighting Southern racism. Far less discussed is his prophetic leadership in 1966, confronting Northern urban racism, poverty, and housing discrimination. Through stirring music and photos along with in-depth interviews with Dr. King's close friends and colleagues, this documentary details their methods, frustrations, and dreams."

Assisting in Our Services Today

Music Kevin Zehme, Organist/Pianist
Lay Reader 10:00 Caryl Safford
Audio-Visual Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Human Relations Day Offering

8:15 am – Worship Service – Chapel
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Church Closed

8:00 pm – MJC Work Area Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 pm – Administrative Council Meeting – Zoom
7:00 pm – Nominations Committee – Zoom

Next Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:15 am – Worship Service – Chapel
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:30 am – 2:00 pm – Vaccination Clinic – Gym

CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Annual Giving Commitment

We are in the final stages of the 2022 Finance Campaign with 34 pledges outstanding (from those families that pledged in 2021). We have received 281 pledges which raised \$702,573. This is 88.4% of our \$795,000 goal. The remaining gap for the 2022 budget is \$92,427. The 2022 budget will be decided at the Ad Council meeting on Tuesday, January 18. If you haven't turned in a pledge for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. Our commitments for the year ahead support our buildings, our programs, the resources, and our staff.

Vaccine Clinic and Health Screening

Sunday, January 23, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In partnership with the DuPage County NAACP and the Visiting Nurses Association, our church is holding a clinic and health screening day for the community. Receive COVID vaccinations (using Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for all ages); blood pressure, diabetes, and skin cancer screenings, and more. Please register to attend using the link available in *Happenings*.