



Worship

January 16, 2022

* If you are able, please stand

PRELUDE Litterarum Ordine (Richard Proulx) Ed Alstrom, Music Director and Organist

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 36:7,9) Rev. Frank Broyles

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of
God's embrace.**

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

* **HYMN #412** "God, Reveal Your Presence"

1 God, reveal your presence: Gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you.
Holy is Your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence.
You alone now we own as our God and Savior: praise your name forever.

2 In God's holy presence, hear the harps resounding; see the crowds the throne surrounding:
"Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending.
Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ the praises that your church now raises.

3 Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit; all my trust is in your merit;
Like the holy angels on your glory gazing, we adore, hosanna raising.
Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Peter Dancy

In the light of Christ,
we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's saving love,
let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Peter Dancy

**Almighty God,
 we confess that we have been led astray by the
 idols of our world.
 We have depended on our possessions
 and have not placed our trust in your grace.
 We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer
 and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.
 We have sought security in the might of the sword
 rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.
 Forgive us, we pray.
 Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.
 Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Elder Peter Dancy

Please take this time for personal confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Elder Peter Dancy

Hear the good news:
 Christ unmask the idols of our world
 And frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Elder Peter Dancy

(If you are participating today through Facebook,
 please register your peace for each other now.)
 Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
 we also should forgive one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Peter Dancy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Peter Dancy

Gracious God,
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 quicken our understanding
 that we may receive the testimony of Scripture
 and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
 We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Frank Broyles

Exodus 31:1-11

¹The Lord spoke to Moses: ²See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: ³and I have filled him with divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, ⁴to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft. ⁶Moreover, I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have given skill to all the skillful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, ⁸the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ⁹and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, ¹⁰and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, ¹¹and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you.

Romans 12:6-8

⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

1 Peter 4:9-11

⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Many Gifts. One Spirit” (Al Carmines)

The Chancel Choir

*God of change and glory, God of time and space,
 When we fear the future, give to us your grace.
 In the midst of changing ways, give us still the grace to praise.*

*(Refrain) Many gifts, one Spirit; one love known in many ways.
 In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
 One Giver, one Lord, One Spirit, one Word
 Known in many ways, hallowing our days.
 For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

*God of many colors, God of many signs,
 You have made us different, blessing many kinds.*

*As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.
(Refrain)*

*Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,
You are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.
(Refrain)*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Frank Broyles

SERMON “The Final Release of Epiphany: The Gifts of God for the People of God”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Col. 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church;
He is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Elder Peter Dancy

Virtual and in-person giving opportunities:

- 1) Online at our Easytithe site - <https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>
- 2) Text "Give" to 973-315-6494
- 3) Place offerings in the trays at the doors of the sanctuary as you depart.

Offering Prayer

* HYMN #296 "Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

- 1 Go in grace and make disciples. Baptize in God's holy name.
 Tell of death and resurrection; Easter's victory now proclaim.
 Christ's commission sends us forth to the nations of the earth.
 Go in grace and make disciples, midwives for the world's rebirth.
- 2 Go and follow Christ's example, not to vanquish, but to heal.
 Mend the wounds of sin's divisions. Servant love to all reveal.
 Roles and ranks shall be reversed; justice flow for all who thirst.
 Go and follow Christ's example. Forge a world of last made first.
- 3 Go in Pentecostal spirit, many tongues and many gifts.
 Feed the hearts of hungry people. Spread the gospel that uplifts.
 Till the day of Christ's return, as disciples, teach and learn.
 Go in Pentecostal spirit: let God's flame of witness burn.

* CHARGE/BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Scherzetto (Christopher Tambling)

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"As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God's Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world."

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January Birthdays

2	Gus Arndt
6	Erin Norton
10	C.C. Fitzgerald
12	Sidney Moulongo
13	Lisa Hoyt
	Roald Mitchell
	Trevor White
17	Meyling Cabezas
18	CeCe Mitchell
19	Jonathan Ali
22	Jane Speer
31	Charlotte Worth

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