**February 5, 2023**

**5th Sunday After Epiphany**

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**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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*Jesus’ “Sermon on the Mount” was a sermon to His disciples (see Mt. 5:1-2). And to His disciples, He declared, “You are the salt of the earth…You are the light of the world…” As “You are” reveals part of one’s character, Jesus was simply affirming the kinds of people His followers were: ones who would flavor and show to others who Jesus is…who God is. Dare* ***YOU*** *be salt and light? - Pastor Randy*

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**Welcome**

 **Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

 **Call to Worship** *Psalm 112*

 *Praise the Lord! Those who honor the Lord, who adore God’s commandments, are truly happy!*

 *Their descendants will be strong throughout the land. The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;*

 *wealth and riches will be in their houses. Their righteousness stands forever. They shine in the dark*

 *for others who do right. They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous. Those who lend generously*

 *are good people—as are those who conduct their affairs with justice. Yes, these sorts of people*

 *will never be shaken; the righteous will be remembered forever! They won’t be frightened at bad news.*

 *Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord. Their hearts are firm; they aren’t afraid.*

 *In the end, they will witness their enemies’ defeat. They give freely to those in need.*

 *Their righteousness stands forever. Their strength increases gloriously.*

 **Opening Hymn** *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* # 173

 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise,
 triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return,
 till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

 Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine,
 scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

 **Opening Prayer**

 **Almighty and everlasting God, the Brightness of all those who are faithful:**

 **Fill the world with Your glory, and enable us to shine forth Your light**

 **to all who are around us so that they can know Your light and love;**

 **Through Your Son Jesus the Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit**

 **lives and reigns in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**Children’s Message**

**Joys & Concerns………………….……..*Gathered Prayer***

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** “Salt & Light” **The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” # 95*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Offertory Prayer**

**Chorus** *“This Little Light of Mine”* # 585

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 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

 Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
 Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

 Let it shine ‘til Jesus comes, I’m goin’a let it shine. Let it shine ‘til Jesus comes, I’m goin’a let it shine.

 Let it shine ‘til Jesus comes, I’m goin’a let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

**Gospel Lesson** *St. Matthew 5:13-16*

 [Jesus said] “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again?

 It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. **14**You are the light

 of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. **15**Neither do people light a lamp and put it under

 a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.

 **16**In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do

 and praise your Father who is in heaven.

 **Sermon** *“You* ***ARE****…”*

 **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be 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 God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

 **AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

 **HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

 **LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

 in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

 **CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*THE 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 trespasses and debts as we forgive our debtors and those who*

 *trespass**against us. And lead us not into temptation,**but deliver us from evil.*

 *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

*Communion Hymn “Christ Be Our Light”*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

 **Holy God, we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at this table**

 **reflect His life in word and deed, that all the world may know Your power to change and save.**

 **This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn**  *“Be Thou My Vision”* # 451

 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.

 Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

 Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!

 Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Benediction**

***Quiet Meditation, Reflection, and Prayer***

**Choral Benediction**  *“This Little Light of Mine”* # 585

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 this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

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 Meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at Noon.

 Please bring your lunch, beverages and deserts will be provided.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

When we read the bible we learn who God is. The Bible isn’t about us and how we can apply it to our life. It is about God, His character, His plan, and how we are to glorify Him.

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Matthew 5:13-20 - Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) - Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)



 As Pastor Randy will be retiring in July, we await the announcement of a new pastor to be assigned to our church.

 The Eastern PA Cabinet anticipates that this season’s appointments will be completed between February 1 and April 30. They ask for your prayers.

Please pray for the discernment of the cabinet as they select our new Pastor. Please also pray for our congregation that we move forward with joyful anticipation of these new beginnings.



Eleven youth from Crescentville Church have begun preparing for church membership through Confirmation. Please pray for them and consider “adopting” one as someone you will commit to praying for and encouraging on their journey!

Christian Stefanescu Darryl Sutton Jacob Monbo

Joshua Bhatti Kelsey Sutton Marcus Sutton

Mariah Jean Marina Jean Maurice Sutton

Naiima Jabati Naomi Jabati

**CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP.**

**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call the church and leave a message. (215) 745-7115***

Praying for others helps us actively focus on the needs of others instead of ourselves. Praying for others forces us to think about what they need.

 That process can lead to us being more outwardly focused in all of our relationships.

**Prayer Requests from January 29th**

Sana Aman – traveling mercies for her trip to Pakistan to visit family.

Lovens Bernard - Jean's 14 yr old son - Jean is trying to bring him here from Haiti.

Cocoa & family - facing difficult situations this week.

Veronica Wade prayers for her health to improve.

JT requests prayers for people that are poor.

Susan Lowry - has ALS (friend of Ruthie Dillion)

Prayers for Jackie Brennan

Diana and John Wilson - continued recovery- Diana -sciatic pain, John - hurt ribs, covid

The family of Tyre Nichols

Prayers for leaders and people to stop violence in our nation - prayers for God's help.

**Continuing Prayers:**

Pastor Randy & Family Sana Aman Eva Baumgartel

Zilpha & James Browne Dorothy Buzzard Caroline (Burghaze’s Daughter) Patsy Coyne Rev. Khan Wondor Korto Marva Scott Meyer Bob Patterson Cass Quigley Betty Sauerwald & family Sylvia Spotts Suzanne Turner

Prayers for the Ukraine and Russia - for world peace.

Prayers for our city and end to violence, prayers for peace and stability in Sierra Leone.