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Hearing devices are available on request.

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JANUARY 26, 2020
11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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Order of Worship
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Congregational Updates

Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Gathers

Prelude
Hymn of Joy
Albert L. Travis
Greg Nunn, organist

Gathering Meditation

"Institutionalized rejection of difference is an absolute necessity in a profit economy which needs outsiders as surplus people. As members of such an economy, we have all been programmed to respond to the human differences between us with fear and loathing and to handle that difference in one of three ways: ignore it, and if that's not possible, copy it if we think it is dominant, or destroy it if we think it is subordinate. But we have no patterns for relating across our human differences as equals. As a result, those differences have been misnamed and misused in the service of separation and confusion."

- Audre Lorde, From "Age, Race, Class, and Sex: Women Redefining Difference"

Responsive Call to Worship
Elizabeth Esterchild

One:
God is our strength and our salvation.

Many:
Of whom shall we be afraid?

One:
No rulers nor authorities, powers nor principalities can overcome those who trust in God. Let all who long for Justice come together! In the community of God, there are no hierarchies of dominance.

Many:
No one is left alone before their oppressor.

One:
Love tends to every aching body.

Many:
All the temptations of evil are revealed as deceit.

One:
Let the Spirit renew our courage that we might live by this Holy Wisdom.

Many:
Praise be to God who leads us in the ways of Love.

*Opening Hymn 2
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN OF JOY

*Unison Invocation
Our Holy Companion, though we desire to be united in service to your love, we struggle. We find it difficult to leave our old ways behind. We revert to old patterns of dominance and turn, still, on the most vulnerable among us.

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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for the calendar, giving and more of our most requested links.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

MHCC Men have weekly Tuesday Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
Join us January 28 at Corner Bakery, 5225 Belt Line Road, Ste. 58, Dallas.

Learn about MHCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) today.
The first segment of this new program is today from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm. Don Manworren will share information on “The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) History and Foundation.” We will learn about our denomination’s structure and history as well as our ecumenical ties to other denominations. This will be an interactive learning experience – questions and discussion are encouraged!

Coffee Fellowship today honors Deacons who served during 2019.

MHCC Board meets February 2 at 12:30 p.m.

First Tuesday Ladies’ Luncheon is February 4 at 11:30 a.m.
Join us at Two Guys From Italy, 11637 Webb Chapel Rd, Dallas (972-247-6814).

Children’s Church is seeking donations of potted plants.
These will be used in their classroom to reinforce nurturing and care of the environment.

Submit announcements to the church office by Wednesday, 12 p.m.
A digital copy of this bulletin is available online at http://midwayhills.org/category/weekly-bulletins.
To listen to a worship service live, dial 214-699-5100, use access code 9595368, then press the # key.
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You know our hearts, O God. Search within and free us from the barriers that prevent our becoming the community we desire. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace
As a sign of reconciliation with God and others, you are invited to greet those around you by offering the peace of Christ.

Children are invited to join children’s leaders at the back of the sanctuary for church school at this time. They are also welcome to remain with their parents.

Hymn 305
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The Community Proclaims God’s Word

The First Reading
Isaiah 9:1-4
Stephen Studnicka

Anthem
MHCC Choir

The Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Rev. Kyle Walker

Sermon
“When Difference Unites”
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People
Rev. Kyle Walker
The Lord’s Prayer
Congregation
Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving
Elizabeth Esterchild

Offertory
Bachiana
Gordon Young

*Response
Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

The Community is Empowered at the Table
Elizabeth Esterchild

*Hymn 393
One Bread, One Body
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Welcome to the Table
Rev. John O’Neal

Gluten-free crackers are available for communion in the white cups.

Prayers at the Table
Gary Springer

Communion Meditation
Schmücke Dich
Greg Nunn, organist

The Community is Sent to Restore God’s World

Invitation to Join the Community
*Closing Hymn 272
The Church is One Foundation

*Charge and Benediction
Rev. Kyle Walker

Postlude
The Church’s One Foundation
Greg Nunn, organist

*Closing Hymn
The Church’s One Foundation

Congregational Welcome
“Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God’s universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God’s spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another.”

Who We Are
Midway Hills Christian Church is a Shalom Community, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God’s creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God’s healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social ills that afflict our community locally and globally.
We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation celebrating diversity and seeking to transform our world as we build bridges across race, class, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, religions and all barriers that divide God’s people.