Welcome and Congregational Updates

Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Gatherings

Prelude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Michael Burkhardt

Greg Nunn, organist

Gathering Meditation

This week we will be mindful of what has come before that may have hindered us in our own flourishing as individuals, as a community of faith, and as salt and light for the world. As you think through the last year, what comes to mind for you? How might you be ready to name these things, put them in perspective, and move forward from this point? The image of baptismal water is one of dying to the old and rising to the newness of life in Christ. How might you again claim this good news for your life, the community, and the world?

Responsive Call to Worship

Kathy Leslie

One: Bringing all of our concerns, our question, our doubts, and our hopes....

Many: We come to explore the mystery of God.

One: Through the power of the Spirit, we long to discern the mind of Christ....

Many: That love might be our center and justice our true aspiration.

One: Leaving behind our loyalties to all that hinders the flourishing of life....

Many: Holy Spirit, come and reveal the wisdom of God!

Opening Hymn

251 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Unison Invocation

Congregation

Restorative One, your law is like medicine, your wisdom a balm. You heal the wounds of destruction within, around, and between us. In the quiet places of our hearts, make known to us what pain remains neglected. Tend, O God, to all the fears that keep us from receiving love’s instruction. 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.

The Community Proclaims God’s Word

The First Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Martha Johnson

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Order of Worship
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Anthem
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Healy Willan

The Second Reading
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Rev. Kyle Walker

Sermon
"Knowing Our Story, Embracing Our Future"
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Lord's Prayer
Congregation

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving
Kathy Leslie

Offertory
Voluntary on "Engelberg"
Douglas E. Wagner

*Response
Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God, ye heavenly host, Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication
Kathy Leslie

The Community is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table and the Community
Rev. John O'Neal

*Hymn 420
I Come with Joy
DOVE OF PEACE

During the hymn, those desiring to join as members are welcome to come forward and let one of our ministers know so that we might formally welcome them to our table and ministry here at Midway Hills.

Welcome to the Table
Rev. John O'Neal

Gluten-free crackers are available for communion in the white cups. The elders, deacons and ministers are served last to symbolize our being servants in leadership.

Prayers at the Table
Nancy Caldwell

Communion
Dove of Peace
John Carter

Meditation
Greg Nunn, organist

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

*Closing Hymn 442
We are Walking
SIYAHAMBA

*Charge and Benediction
Rev. Kyle Walker

Postlude
Rock of My Salvation
Mark Hayes

Greg Nunn, organist