

January 1, 2012

10:30 a.m.

(* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

PRELUDE THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE - MATTHEWS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Liturgist
(PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER.)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** “Lift Up Your Heads” #8v. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist
Leader: When the fullness of time had come, God acted. Jesus came as a child among God’s children.

People: In Christ, God reclaims us as heirs. We rejoice in God, who is parent to all humankind.

Leader: From the mouth of infants, we hear God’s truth. Before a child, enemies are silenced.

People: How majestic is God’s name in all the earth! How amazing is God’s transforming power among us!

Leader: God makes us stewards and gives us choices. We are entrusted with good news for the world.

People: God’s face shines on us in blessing. God’s favor rests on us and grants us peace.

***OPENING HYMN** “As with Gladness Men of Old” #63

OPENING PRAYER Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist
We have visited the manger in this holy season. Our hearts have been touched by the tender scene. But as we return to the labors of every day, who will know where we have been? Let us confess our surrender to the secular.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Sovereign God, it is easy to forget who we belong to. It is so hard to believe good news for long, and even harder to share it with a skeptical world. If we dare to praise and glorify you with our lips, we will need to do the same with our lives. Sometimes we are not ready to let your majesty shine through us. We are not ready to follow a grown-up Jesus in loving the unlovable and praying for enemies. Draw us to yourself, forgiving and empowering us as your children, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Time of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS LITURGIST

Who is like our God, that pardons iniquity and passes by the transgression of his heritage? The Lord retains not his anger forever, because God delights in mercy. The Lord will turn again, and

have compassion upon us; will tread our iniquities under foot; and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri #579*

SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS
***PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

RESPONSE *Be Calm My Soul* (Insert in front of Blue hymnal) v. 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
OT READING: ISAIAH 61:10 – 62:3 PG. 529
GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40 PG. 725
EPISTLE: REVELATION 21:1-6 PG. 878

SERMON: “I Am Making Everything New!” Paul Seefeldt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed, traditional, Page 14)

THE OFFERTORY COMMUNION IN CHRIST - RITTER

***DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**
Doxology #592
***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

COMMUNION HYMN “Break Thou the Bread of Life” #329

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Insert)

***CLOSING HYMN** “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” #67

***CHARGE**
*** BENECTION**

*** RESPONSE** “Find Us Faithful” On Screen

***POSTLUDE** YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES - WILLIAMS

Liturgist: Donna Kuehnhold Organist: Marilyn Jepsen
Audio: Bob Irwin Video: Bob Irwin

Choir Director: Kristy Zenk
Ushers: Kyle & Laura Bohnker Greeters: Joyce Bohnker

Assisting in Communion today are: Jerry & Patti Boettger, Donna Kuehnhold, Kyle Bohnker

Announcements

The newsletter is posted on the website www.upcdenison.com. If you prefer to have the newsletter mailed, please let the church office know. There are also copies at the entrances.

Pray for those in the military: Brandon Burns, Tyler Prussing, John Torres, Derrick Franck and David Franck.

PLEDE CARDS: If you have not returned your 2012 pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thanks!!

Committee Chair Persons: Year End Annual Reports are needed in the Church office by January 22, 2012 so they can be typed up for the church meeting in February. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK:

Rev. Seefeldt will be in the office and making calls Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this week. If you need assistance, please give him a call at 263-5332 or 263-2971. If you prefer a pastoral visit, please contact the office at 263-4130.

Today, January 1st: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Monday, January 2nd: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 3rd: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4th: NO YOUTH GROUP

CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 p.m.

NO WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 5th: BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.

NO EVENING CIRCLE

Saturday, January 7th: GIRL SCOUTS 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 8th: SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES 9:15 a.m.

WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Daryl & Denise Philipp family. Daryl's mother passed away on Christmas Day and her funeral was held on Thursday, December 29.

I wish to Thank Everyone for the Christmas gifts that I received. Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old.

Myrna Meyer

PRAYERS FOR: Garry Chapman, Scott Chapman, Laura Goettsch, Michele Olson, Dale Kinney, Bob Irwin, Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, and Barb Saunders.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Leo Burmeister, Putsy Powell, Dale Saunders, Mary Jean Rasmussen, Ron Bierma, and our church family.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA HOME WITH YOU, IF YOU SO WISH.