

February 12, 2017

ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:00 AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US TO SILENT REVERENCE

PRELUDE

“The Light of Faith”

Roy E. Nolte

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The unending grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

May it always be so.

Amen.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

#18/NCH, On Screen

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

God, we seem to only worship you with our lips and have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for an end to suffering, yet we have not practiced your compassion. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart so that we might live as testimony to your grace, a beacon for the light of your salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the tender mercy of our God, our sins are forgiven and we are granted genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12
Pg. 1388, CEB

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 5: 13-20
Pg. 1173-1174, CEB

SERMON

“Terms of Engagement”

***SONG OF THE DAY**

“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”
#181/NCH, On Screen

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Each week we pray for a family or individual from our
Congregation in addition to those in need of healing. Today we lift
up **LaVerne Kistler**. Prayers for healing: **Alan Canterbury,**
Darleen Bax, Dennis Ford, Russ Hartmann, Ardella Morris,
Larry Cates (Pat Bregen).*

ORGAN RESPONSE

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Jeffrey Radford

Invitation

*Doxology

#780/NCH, On Screen

*Prayer of Dedication

***SENDING SONG**

“This Little Light of Mine”

#524/NCH, On Screen

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Festal Piece”

G. F. Handel

*Those who are able, please stand.

Our Church Workers for today:

Pastor - Rev. Jim Nolan

Organist - Sharon Banjavcic

Lector – Sue Williams

Ushers - Sue Ganschinietz, Sue Williams

Activities of the church:

Wednesday – Council, 7 p.m.

Feb. 19 – Farewell service for Pastor Jim & Cami. Please stay for reception after worship.

Sunday, February 26 – Instruments of Faith in worship! Be here for a morning of gospel music, both old and new. The message of Jesus' grace is never sweeter than when delivered in music. Instruments of Faith is a men's gospel group that has been bringing the good news to audiences since 2000. Bring friends and family!

Pastor's Office Hours

During the week, Pastor Jim's schedule is as follows:

Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon

1-4 p.m. reserved for visitations and other appointments

Tuesday - Pastor's sermon-writing day at home

Thursday - Pastor's day off

Contact Pastor Jim at **618-616-0198** or church office 397-6323