

February 12, 2023: 9:00 am  
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude** “Variations on a Hymn Tune”

*improv Kris Bartelt*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

**Welcome & Announcements**

Souper Bowl of Caring

*Sam P.*

**Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Graham Anderson*

As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,  
as we are embraced in their kindness,  
**we choose to be people of life and blessing.**

As we serve others in God's name,  
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,  
**we choose to walk in God's way.**

As we forgive those who have hurt us,  
as we reach out to those we have harmed,  
**we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.**

**As we worship God, we are blessed with life, reconciliation, and an ever-closer walk with God. Let us worship God together.**

**\*Prayer**

**Welcoming God, bless our worship that all we say and do will be pleasing to you and will lead us to lives of joy and peace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn GTG 308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"**

*Laurie Christie, Cantor*

**\*Call to Confession**

With every choice we make, we show how faithful we are to God's hopes for us. Yet, despite the mistakes we make, the missteps we take, God remains forgiving and gracious. Let us come to our God, speaking honestly about our lives, as we pray.

**\*Confession**

**How often we make the wrong choices, God of our lives! We look at others through the prism of lust, distorting who they really are. We let our 'mad' feed us with bitterness and hurt. We toss about harmful words like so many snowballs on a winter's day. We would rather insult those around us, than to lift them up.**

**Have mercy on us, God who is everywhere. May we set aside our quarreling natures to be united in common worship, common service, and a common purpose, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Christ came, so we might be healed by God's tender touch. Christ came, so we might be reconciled to one another.

**As risky, as hard as it may be, we will choose to be God's people.**

People of God, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)*

**\*Hymn GTG 552 "Holy, Holy, Holy" vs 1**

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**New Testament Lesson** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5:21-37

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn GTG 410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"**

**Sermon** "Beware the Lotus!"

*Rev. Ken Locke*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Prayers of the People**

## **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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

## **Moment for Mission "Feed My Starving Children"**

**Offering "Polish Carol"**

*arr. by Mark Sedio*

**\*Offertory PH 558, "Come, Sing a Song of Harvest" vs 1&3**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

God of abundance,  
We could have chosen to be selfish, **but we are sharing from our abundance;**  
We could have chosen to be hoarders, **but we are giving away more than we can afford.**  
We could have chosen to be broken, **but we are seeking reconciliation with those around us.**  
**God of abundance, bless our lives as well as these gifts. Amen.**

**\*Hymn PH 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"**

*GTG 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, verses 1, 3, 4, and 5*

### **Charge and Benediction**

Let all God's people say,

**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*Closing Refrain PH 535 "Go with Us, Lord"**

*(1<sup>st</sup> time together, 2<sup>nd</sup> time in round, please follow the cantors)*

**Postlude "Marion"**

*arr. by John A. Behnke*

## **This Week at Church**

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00-10:00am	<b>02.12</b> Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom	<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>
10:00am	PYA	
10:15am	Fellowship Time in the Narthex	
10:15-11:30am	Growing Connections – Pastor Ken shares his experiences about his trip to Israel.	
11:30-12:30pm	Heart to Heart Luncheon	
4:00-5:00pm	Learning Team Meeting	
<b>Monday</b> 10:00-11:00am	<b>02.13</b> Staff Meeting	
6:00pm	FMSC Meeting	
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00-8:00pm	<b>02.14</b> Confirmation	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00-9:00am	<b>02.15</b> Men's Breakfast	
6:30-7:30pm	Bingo (Zoom)	
<b>Thursday</b> 10:45-11:45am	<b>02.16</b> Loving Team	
6:30-7:30pm	Endowment	
<b>Friday</b> 7:00-9:00pm	<b>02.17</b> Cribbage	
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00-12:00pm	<b>02.18</b> Table Tennis	
11:00-3:00pm	Celebrate Community FDL County Fairgrounds Expo Center	
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00-10:00am	<b>02.19</b> Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom	
10:15	Fellowship Time	
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections – Sermon Discussion	
1:00pm	AA Planning Meeting	
2:00pm	PYA – Tubing	

## Looking Ahead

February 22	Ash Wednesday Worship	6:30pm
March 1	Lenten Book Study "Meeting Jesus at the Table" Books are available in the office for \$12.00.	10:00am

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### PRAYERS

Brian C.

John B.\*\*\*

Gary G.

Silas W.

Pat D.

Liam A.

Gib D.

Jerry and Mary H.

Arnold L.

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Pauline W.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Jesse F.

Lynn K. \*

Kay M.\*\*

Carol W. \*\*\*\*

\*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

\*\*Kay is at Harbor Haven. She appreciates our continued prayers and would love to receive cards. She is not ready to have visitors.

\*\*\*John is home after a brief hospital stay. He is recovering from COVID.

\*\*\*\* Carol would appreciate prayers as she continues her journey for breast cancer treatment.

### Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
FEBRUARY 05,2023	<b>106</b>	\$4,258.80	OFFERINGS/TITHES
FEBRUARY 05,2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
01/30--02/03/23		\$2,970.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
01/30--02/03/23		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		<b>\$7,228.80</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
		<b>\$48,451.97</b>	<b>TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND</b>
2/5/2023	<b>4 Households</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 02/05/20