

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas



Communion Sunday

Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here

We Gather to Worship God

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**Welcome and
Announcements**

Rev. Darcy Crain

Prelude

“Prelude from Partita for solo violin in E major, BWV 1006, J.S. Bach, trans. Sergei Rachmaninov”

Joshua Marzan, piano

*** Gathering Hymn**

“Go Tell it On the Mountain”

see insert

*** Call to Worship**

Pat Brown

One: God of wisdom, guide us as we prepare to cross into a new year.
Hear us, O God:

All: Your mercy is great.

One: Spirit of Truth, call us to repentance. Forgive us for past
unfaithfulness, for our silence in the face of injustice, and for
inaction amid suffering. Help us to share your gifts with those
who cry out for daily bread. Hear us, O God:

All: Your mercy is great.

One: Price of Peace, healer, and reconciler, heal the divisions in your
Church and among the peoples of the world. As you prayed that
we should all be one, give us new visions to enable that unity.
Hear us, O God:

All: Your mercy is great.

One: God of all ages, release us from fear. Lead us forward, as you have
led your people forward for centuries. Be our companion as we walk
unexplored paths into an unknown future. Open us to new
possibilities. Renew our hope. Grant us faith to move ahead.

All: Be our companion now and always.

One: We pray as Jesus taught us saying together:

*** Prayer of Invocation**
(in unison)

O living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment, this gift of a new year. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. These and all our prayers we offer in Jesus' name, saying together:

*** Lord's Prayer**
(in unison)

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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri**
(in unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Give, Share, Rejoice

Call to Blessing

Rev. Darcy Crain

Solo
(Mobile-friendly giving options
on the back of the bulletin)

"Mary Did You Know?"

see insert

HaYoung Jung, mezzo-soprano, Joshua Marzan, piano

*** Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Darcy Crain

We Grow in our Faith

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Sermon

"This is the Beginning"

Rev. Darcy Crain

Solo

"Coventry Carol"

see insert

Jack Morin, bass, Joshua Marzan, piano

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Consecration and
Institution

Sharing of Elements

* Prayer of Thanksgiving
(in unison)

In hope of the new year to come, we have gathered today around the table for the spiritual unity and nourishment of this sacred meal. With thanksgiving and strengthened faith, we go forth to love. With our calling renewed, we go forth to serve. Amen.

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

* Parting Hymn

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

see insert

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Darcy Crain

Postlude

“Gavotte from Partita for solo violin in E major, BWV 1006, J.S. Bach,
trans. Sergei Rachmaninov”
Joshua Marzan, piano

* Congregation stands. (Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.)

FCC Announcements for January 2, 2022	
 <p>VISITOR Welcome to our Church</p>	<p>After the service today, a member of our Board of Deacons will be waiting in the Narthex (entrance area of State Street) to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our church. The deacon will also be glad to take you on a tour of the church. We are happy you are here and hope you will give us the opportunity to get to know you and share information about our church with you. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers during our worship service. All children grades K – 8th grade, are invited to our FCC Kidz program which at this time begins at 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Communion Flowers and Lay Readers</p>	<p>Every Sunday, volunteers are needed to be a Lay Reader or to donate fresh flowers for the communion table. Sign-up sheets are available on the website and Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk. You may also call the church office at 734-662-1679. We need Lay Readers for January 23 and January 30, and flowers for January 30 and March 6. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk and provide your dedication to Sheila Wonders: sheila@fccannarbor.org</p>
<p>TODAY</p>	<p>Please join us after service today for the All-Church Undecorating.</p>

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
That Jesus Christ is born

Mary Did You Know?

Mary, did you know
That your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know
That your Baby Boy would save our sons and
daughters?
Did you know
That your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know
That your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know
That your Baby Boy will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know
That your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of
God?

Oh Mary did you know... Ooh Ooh Ooh

The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb

Mary, did you know
That your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know
That your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know
That your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding is the great "I am"

Coventry Carol

Lullay, thou little tiny child
Sleep well, lully, lullay
And smile in dreaming, little one
Sleep well, lully, lullay

Oh sisters two, what may we do
To preserve on this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing
Sleep well, lully, lullay

Farewell, lully, lullay
Herod the king in his raging
Set forth upon this day
By his decree, no life spare thee

All children young to slay
All children young to slay
Then woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and say

For thy parting, neither say nor sing
Farewell, lully, lullay
Farewell, lully, lullay
And when the stars fill darkened skies

In their far venture, stay
And smile as dreaming, little one
Farewell, lully, lullay
Dream now, lully, lullay

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

In honor of our Grandchildren,
Daphne, Ryan, Harper and Aiden
By Leslie and Rich Westbury

In memory of Fred Pettit
by Jane Pettit

In memory of Carolyn Reed Hodge
by Al Hodge

In memory of Mary Pringle
by Bruce Pringle

In memory of Phyllis Ufer, Bill Wedemeyer,
Kim and Amber Taylor
by the Wedemeyer Family



Sunday, January 2

NO Change of Pace Service
NO Chapel Communion
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. FCC Kidz – Grades K-8
11:00 a.m. All-Church Undecorating
11:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Issues Series – Youth and the Climate Crisis presented by Citizens Climate Lobby (UM) & Sunrise

Sunday, January 16

MLK SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Change of Pace Service, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Music Committee Meeting
11:15 a.m. Healing Space, Douglas Chapel

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Jan 5 9:00 a.m. Text Breakfast
10:15 a.m. Mind & Spirit Meeting
12:00 noon Marketing Meeting
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group
Jan 6 7:00 p.m. Missions & Outreach Meeting
Jan 10 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
Jan 12 9:00 a.m. Text Breakfast
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Jan 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting



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