



*Morning Worship*  
*Third Sunday After Epiphany*  
*January 24, 2021*

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*"It is in the worship of God that our focus is turned from the world,  
to the One who created the world"*

**Be still, and know that I am God – Psalm 46:10**

PRELUDE

"Pasturale"

Corelli

*(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, You made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of Your creation, we may come to know You more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in Your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* PRAISE HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ, our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

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\* RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**All: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Creator God, heavenly Father, you alone know why you love your people, and in you alone we can love one another. By your Spirit, help us to find our true worth, not in other created things, but in you. Keep us faithful in our care for your world and in our compassion for your people. We pray this in the name of Jesus, creation's Redeemer. Amen.**

#### JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### MORNING PRAYER

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; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

#### \* OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

#### \* PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### \* SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:27; 2:7-9; 15-18; 21-23a; 25

SERMON "The Big Picture: Creation" Pastor Tori Heath

\* HYMN                      “This is My Father's World”

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      “Praise the Savior/I Sing Praises”                      Kelly

**Music Today:**                      Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

**Greeters:**                              8:30 Melinda Bayus 11:00 Jean Seaman

**Worship Leaders:** 8:30 Jim Singer 11:00 Dina Kehl

## **Genesis 1:27**

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

## **Genesis 2:7-9; 15-18; 21-23a; 25**

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. <sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. <sup>16</sup> But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—<sup>17</sup> except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."...

<sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> "At last!" the man exclaimed.

"This one is bone from my bone,  
and flesh from my flesh!"...



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPANY – JANUARY 24, 2021

### PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Keenan Bayus – National Guard  
Antonio Ewings – Marines (GA)

Cort Mukina – Army (WA)  
Clay Pittman – Army

**WE ARE PRAYING FOR:** Winnie Bliss, Gail Donaldson,  
Wayne Doolittle, Rita Ghering, Military & Nation's Leaders

#### **Praises:**

Both the sunshine & beautiful snow

Pam, blessing to Jim

All our relationships that help us get closer with God

Fox family, blessing to Shirley Ruth

Completing quarantine and ability to go grocery shopping

Worshipping God

Job offers

Phil's ankle healing & getting stronger

#### **Concerns:**

Family of Alice E

Penny - Trista's mother with health challenges

Family of Ford

Jane - serious case of lyme disease

Donna & Duane

Taylor & Sam - in need of guidance

Dave

Dick with pancreatitis

Danielle

Deborah S. struggling with effects of strokes, needs to be able to swallow

Kathy - fractured shoulder

Rev. Solida

Betty Lou - continued health

Jeff - hopefully able to walk with boot soon

Doug's continued health and strength during regular dialysis and his family

Pastor Tori finishing her written ordination paperwork & projects

Anna - high schooler who has attempted suicide twice

Noe - guidance for doctors due to the return & growth of brain tumor  
Trevor - dialysis  
Tammy W.  
Jared W. and his wife - grieving  
Darrell  
Tom - in hospital and on feeding tube  
Carol & Sid S. - lost their barn to fire  
Brock M. - motorcycle accident  
Family & friends of student who took his own life  
Wayne D.  
Jim - health issues  
Tess & Sean  
Cordie

Fort LeBoeuf Schools  
Asbury Preschool  
Nursing homes  
College students  
Healthcare workers  
Teens in need of wisdom and guidance in their decisions  
Those out of work  
Those without homes  
Those who are lonely  
Our government officials & our country  
Those who are undergoing surgical procedures

Those who are fighting cancer: Jeanie, Linda (breast cancer), David (brain cancer), Rowan (10 year old with leukemia), Starla (child), John, Bonnie, Chris M., Albert

Those in need of organ transplants: Cheryl (lung), Paul (kidney), Jeremy (kidney),

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19: Dr. Seon, Jack & Sandy, Roland O., Chuck S.

**If you know anyone who no longer needs to be on this prayer list or the prayer has been answered and we can celebrate, please let us know.**

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THROUGH  
THE BIBLE  
WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY  
WITH A 1 YEAR BIBLE PLAN**

**Hear and Obey God** - that's a key mark of a disciple. While this plan will allow you to read the entire Bible in a year, the goal is to hear from God. Don't worry if you do not complete all of the reading.

**SOAP** focuses on 4 things:

**S - Scripture:** Write a verse that stood out to you.

**O - Observation:** Write what you see in the verse and surrounding section.

**A - Application:** Write how you sense God wants you to apply this verse to your life.

**P - Prayer:** Write a short prayer of response asking God to help you do what He just showed you.

## JANUARY

- 1 GEN 1-2; LUKE 1
- 2 GEN 3-5; LUKE 2
- 3 GEN 6-8; LUKE 3
- 4 GEN 9-11; LUKE 4
- 5 GEN 12-14; LUKE 5
- 6 GEN 15-17; LUKE 6
- 7 GEN 18-19; PS 3; LUKE 7
- 8 GEN 20-22; LUKE 8
- 9 GEN 23-24; LUKE 9
- 10 GEN 25-26; PS 6; LUKE 10
- 11 GEN 27-28; PS 4; LUKE 11
- 12 GEN 29-30; LUKE 12
- 13 GEN 31-33; LUKE 13
- 14 GEN 34-36; LUKE 14
- 15 GEN 37-38; PS 7; LUKE 15
- 16 GEN 39-41; LUKE 16
- 17 GEN 42-43; PS 5; LUKE 17
- 18 GEN 44-46; LUKE 18
- 19 GEN 47-48; PS 10; LUKE 19
- 20 GEN 49-50; PS 8; LUKE 20
- 21 EX 1-2; PS 88; LUKE 21
- 22 EX 3-5; LUKE 22
- 23 EX 6-8; LUKE 23
- 24 EX 9-11; LUKE 24
- 25 EX 12-13; PS 21; ACTS 1
- 26 EX 14-16; ACTS 2
- 27 EX 17-20; ACTS 3
- 28 EX 21-22; PS 12; ACTS 4
- 29 EX 23-24; PS 14; ACTS 5
- 30 EX 25-27; ACTS 6
- 31 EX 28-29; ACTS 7



26 Justin & Stacey Hoffman



24 Heidi Majerik Seyboldt

25 Rich Widdowson

26 Kelly Schwab

27 Andrea Johnson

Elaine Pierro

Verel Salmon

29 Jenna Post

WE WANT TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, SO PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (796-6012) IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR OR YOUR FAMILY'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LISTED.

**This week in the life of the church**

January 24      **8:30 In-Person Worship**  
                     **11:00 In-Person Worship**  
                     **11:00 Children's Church**  
                     **4:00 Youth Group**

January 26      **7:00 Trustees**

January 27      **10:00 Bible Study**

January 30      7:00 AA



Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to Carl Eliason,  
Brenda & Daryl Williams, Bonnie & Mark Milford,  
Andy & Marcy Eliason and Tim & Nancy Eliason and families  
on the passing of Alice Eliason who went home  
to our Lord and Savior on January 18, 2021.  
Alice has been a member of Asbury UMC since 1956.



**DECEMBER PENNY COLLECTION: \$112.47**  
**NEXT COLLECTION: JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**



### **Erie Prays**

Asbury UMC is taking every 7th day of the month throughout the next year to pray and seek the Lord.

**February's virtual sign-up link is as follows:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACA82FA0FE3-erie4>

We hope you join in on this movement of prayer!



Beginning Thursday, Feb. 11th, Pastor Tori will be hosting a weekly online Bible study on Zoom, 6:30-7:30pm, studying the Gospel of John. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588876853?pwd=QjVxNU1qYmRzSzNONmlvblI5a09aQT09>

If you would like the Zoom link emailed to you, please call/email the church office.