

Epiphany 2: Worship and Spirituality

January 14, 2018

GATHERING

Words of Welcome Shawn Rodriguez

Call to Worship

Leader: We come together as the family of faith.

People: We assemble to honor the living God.

Leader: Through Christ we are bounded together to be God's people.

People: In Christ we are bonded together to be God's people.

Leader: The Holy Spirit unites our worship into oneness.

People: In communion with the Holy Spirit, let us celebrate our unity.

Opening Prayer

As With Gladness Men of Old Blue #218
Jeremy Kropf, Songleader

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Story Don Rheinheimer

Music for Meditation Jeremy Kropf, Melissa Beitler
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Scripture Reading Jason Rhodes

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

1 Kings 19: 1-14 (p. 284)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
"Paths Toward Divine Encounter"

Don Rheinheimer

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Quartet

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Pam and Keith Eiten, Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor,
Jeremy Kropf

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Congregational Announcements

Sending Hymn

Benediction

This Week's Activities

Today	Nurse: Elise Ewert, Oliver Bulley Jeremy Steelberg, Valerie Kropf	10:00 AM 11:15 AM
	Adult Classes	11:30 AM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pamela in Palestine: Is Peace Possible?</i> (Sanctuary)• <i>Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ</i> (Conference Room)	
Mon	Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
	Pastoral Search Committee	6:30 PM
Tue	Lunch Bunch at Maxfields	12:00 PM
Wed	WOW Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Administration Commission	7:00 PM
Fri-Sun	Venture Club Winter Retreat at Menno Haven	

Announcements

- Next week our worship will be structured around **Head Spirituality**: Head Spirituality describes people who want to know God intellectually. Their images of God and the ways in which they speak of their faith are highly affected by words—by preaching (a good sermon is essential) and by carefully chosen hymn texts. They want to be challenged with phrases from hymns or a sermon they can mull over during the week. Good worship is ordered, sticks to the plan, and moves the worshiper through the service with no distractions or disruptions. People with head spirituality prefer sharing time to be orderly and to the point, without drawn out “mini sermons” or controversy. They do not like sharing time to “overtake” the rest of the service or make it run long. They appreciate the choir’s anthem offered on their behalf. They participate best in an order of worship that they know deeply and that is essentially the same week to week.
- Is it quiet today? This morning the MYF are returning from **Winter Retreat** at Menno Haven. Pray for their experience there, the Venture Clubbers preparing for retreat next weekend, and the Menno Haven staff who make this faith encounter possible.
- Faith in Place is hosting a Winters **Farmers’ Market today** at Calvary Episcopal Church (105 W Maple, in Lombard). Stop by after church and support local farmers! The market is open until 1 PM.
- Mentors and mentees, you are invited to the annual **mentor/mentee breakfast** on January 28 at 8:30 AM. Please let Melodie G. know if you are able to attend. If your mentor or mentee cannot come, you are welcome anyway! We always have a good time.
- This month’s **young adult event** will be lunch at Noodles Pho U (1239 S Main St, Lombard), next Sunday at 12:30 PM. Please RSVP to Adriana M.
- **Bistro** is right around the corner! The MYF need a few adult volunteers to assist with this annual four-course meal. We need adults to help decorate on Saturday afternoon (12:30-3:30 PM). We’re also looking for a coffee expert to be our barista during the event. Talk to Pastor Hillary if you’re interested. And stay tuned for info about reservations.
- The **Pastoral Search Committee** requests prayers of the congregation as it begins the interviews of candidates for the lead pastor position. Committee members are: Jim B, Sharon E, Joe H, Cynthia K, Doug K, Ruth Q, Elizabeth R, Rebecca K T, and Chelsea T.
- **“How the Light Gets In”**: Cherith L. is exhibiting new paintings, drawings, and prints at Wheaton College’s Adams Hall gallery. The show will run through February 9; the gallery is open from 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday.
- This summer, the **MYF** are looking for enthusiastic and spiritually mature adults to accompany their summer trip. Could it be you? Talk to Hillary if you are interested; dates are not yet scheduled and are still flexible.