



BURKHOLDER UNITED CHURCH
465 Mohawk Road East, Hamilton ON L8V 2H9
SUNDAY JANUARY 12th, 2020 10.30 AM
SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

MUSICAL PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Minister: He sends forth his command to the earth; He makes his wind blow and the waters flow. Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! His name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH

Minister: Blessed be thou, Lord God our Father, for ever and ever. Yours is the greatness and the might and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head above all. Wherefore we adore You now and always.

People: As on a first day You began the work of creating us; as on a first day You raised your Son from the dead; so, on this first day, good Lord, freshen and remake us. And as the week is new, let our lives begin again because of Jesus who shows us your loving power. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*recited*).

HYMN 220 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty' (*Tune: 'Lobe den Herren'*)

CONFESSION BY MINISTER & PEOPLE

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in your presence our moral shortcomings, failures and offences against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. But, Lord, have pity upon us your children who have displeases you so often.

People: Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son our Saviour. Send your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may henceforth live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments and expectations of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name these our prayers are said. Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Now let us be comforted and be glad and hear the good tidings of the Gospel: God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Let us receive the promise of grace and the assurance of pardon given to all who believe and repent; This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

PSALM FOR THE DAY: No 2 (P. 725).

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be, world without end. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Deuteronomy 30, verses 11-20. Moses sets a stark choice before the Israelites.

MUSICAL ITEM BY THE CHOIR:

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 4, verses 1-11. The Minister.

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE: *May God bless to our hearts these readings of his Holy Word, and to his name be the glory and praise. Amen.*

HYMN 664 'What a friend we have in Jesus...' (Tune: 'Friendship')

SERMON: 'Redeeming the time...'

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God
The Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come
To judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;

The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN 238 'O Lord my God' (Tune: 'O Store Gud')

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERING AND DEDICATION

*Thank you, Lord, on this day for our many great blessings. Thank you, Lord, on this day for our many close friendships. Glory to God, may you hear our prayers; guide us on forever.

Thank you, Lord, on this day for our blessings and friendships.

**As we dedicate these offerings to You, O God, bind us together as one, and stir the gifts You have placed in us that we may truly serve You and magnify Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

People: As we go to our homes and our work this week, O Father, we ask You to send Your Holy Spirit into our lives. Open our ears to hear what You are saying us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.

Open our eyes to see the needs of the people around us. Open our hands to do our work well, and to help when help is needed.

Open our lips to tell others the good news of Your Son and through it, to bring comfort, happiness and laughter to others. Open our minds to discover new truth about You and the world.

Open our hearts to love You and our fellowmen as You have loved us in Christ.

To Him, with You our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, all honour and praise be given now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: 642 'Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart' (Tune 'Slane')

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

A WORD ABOUT PSALM 2.

This psalm takes the form of an utterance of the king and we are introduced to a lively scene of commotion among the rulers and nations of the earth. It is meant to be preparatory to a widespread revolt against the king's dominion. There is not yet any march of armies or clash of arms; but kings and princes are agitated and are coming together to devise plans for war with the aim of freeing themselves from the yoke of the king. The immediate background is the practice in the East for states that had been subject to a strong king's rule to revolt against him upon his death.

Therefore, the first duty of a new king was to subdue the revolting states and to re-establish his authority over them. This aspect is of deep religious and spiritual significance in that it is 'against the Lord and his anointed' and a conspiracy of heathen peoples against his orderings in world society. So, since, by the nature of things, such action can only come to naught, it is sheer madness on the part of the conspirators to even think of it.

We are then transported in imagination from earth to heaven where we witness the Lord's reaction to the report of the rebellion and where he derides their conceit and arrogance and shows that the king that he has installed in Zion is inviolable ('I have installed my king on Zion'. One is brought back to earth (Zion) where the Lord promises the king, as his son, a share in the divine prerogatives, worldwide dominion, and free exercise of authority ('Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage...You shall break them with a rod of iron...like a potter's vessel').

Finally, One's attention shifts to the rebels who are issued an ultimatum by the Lord to change their course of action and do obeisance to the Son before the Lord's fury breaks out on them because a revolt against the son is nothing less than a revolt against the Lord.

A WORD ABOUT THE CLOSING HYMN 642.

This is an ancient Irish hymn whose author is unknown, with an Irish translation by one Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931) who translated it into prose, and one Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935) who put it into verse. The tune 'Slane' is a traditional Irish melody that took its name from a hill situated about ten miles from Tara in County Meath in Ireland.

Mary Byrne was born in Dublin on 1st July 1880, educated at the Dominican convent there, and at the University of Ireland where she worked as a researcher on the Board of Intermediate Education. She died in Dublin on 19th January, 1931. Eleanor Hull was born in Manchester, England on 15th January 1850 and later served as president of the Irish Literary Society of London. She was the author of books on Irish literature and history, as well as instrumental in renewing interest in ancient Gaelic culture. She died in London on 13th January, 1935.

This hymn is appropriate for the opening of a new year and is a prayer to God for vision, wisdom, protection, dignity, delight, and guidance throughout the many vicissitudes of its duration.

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COMMUNITY BY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND LIVING OUT HIS TEACHINGS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, 12th JANUARY, 2020.

1. Greeters - Mal Hawkins, Maurice & Judy Westhaver
 2. Ushers - Maggie Bird
 3. Lay Reader - Alan Hughes
 4. Counters - Margaret Roberts & Julia Webber
 5. Floor Cleaners for January 18th - Andrew Tuck & Richard Treleven
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6. A **Prayer Cycle** has been prepared inviting prayers each week for a particular Pastoral Charge and its work. This week your prayers are requested on behalf of Lynnville United Church in Delhi.
 7. The **2020 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick-up, and you may speak to Josie in the church office if you have any questions.
 8. **Book Sales** continue during the Coffee Hour. (Contact: Mary Hughes).
 9. **Fundscrip Forms** are available in the Narthex. Please make payments to the Burkholder Church Trustees. Please note that you will still get your PC points by purchasing gift cards from this program. (Contact: Donna Tuck).
 10. More **Coffee Volunteers** are needed for coffee after the Church Service. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Upper CE Hall. Thank you. (Contact:
 11. Please save all your **beverage cans** and bring them to Church on Sundays. Do not crush them. (Contact:
 12. Hamilton Scouts. For those who ordered **popcorn** from our Scout Group, it will be available during the Coffee Hour on the 5th of the month. (Contact: David Everett).
 13. **Euchre**. This takes place on Friday Nights at 7.30 p. m. in the Lower CE Hall. The cost is only \$2.00 and includes 50/50 prizes and lunch. (Contact:
 14. **The Ladies Group will meet on Monday, Jan. 20th at 1:30 pm. All Ladies welcome!**
 15. **Committee Reports for the Annual Report are due ASAP.**