



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION — “You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don’t have to know Einstein’s theory of relativity to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

“Gradually I remembered what I had known all along, which is that church is not a stopping place but a starting place for discerning God’s presence in this world.” — Barbara Brown Taylor, from *Leaving Church*

“It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one destiny, affects all indirectly.” — Martin Luther King Jr

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship —

ONE: God is calling.

MANY: We are being called by name. We are being called for a purpose.

ONE: God can discern our thoughts.

MANY: Our works are known to God. Our very being is known to God. The thoughts of God embrace us. God is the fullness of steadfast and wondrous love.

INVOCATION

* HYMN — *Morning Has Broken* INSERT

A Time for All Ages —

Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*OFFERING RESPONSE (DOXOLOGY)

Old One-hundredth

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES IN THE SECTION KNOWN AS THE PROPHETS — 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [ILV]

[1] Now Samuel, who was still a juvenile, was in the service of *Yahweh*, God, under Eli. The voice of *Yahweh* was rarely heard in those days; visions were not widespread; prophecy was uncommon.

[2] One night Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room. [3] The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the Tent of Meeting, near the Ark of the Covenant. [4] Then *Yahweh* called, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Here I am!" [5] ran to the prophet and said to Eli, "Here I am, for you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call you. Now, go back to sleep." So Samuel went and lay down.

[6] *Yahweh* called again, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up, went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli repeated, "I did not call; lie down again." [7] Now Samuel had not yet encountered *Yahweh*. The word of God had not yet been revealed to this young one.

[8] But next *Yahweh* called Samuel again, a third time. And Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived *Yahweh* was calling. [9] Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if you are called again, say, 'Speak, *Yahweh*, God, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to sleep.

[10] Now *Yahweh* came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Yes, *Yahweh*, I am listening."

SPECIAL MUSIC —

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — John 1:43-51 [ILV]

[43] The next day, after Jesus had decided to go to Galilee, this Rabbi met Philip and said this: "Follow me." [44] Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter.

[45] Then Philip sought out Nathaniel and said, “We have found the One of whom Moses in the law and also the One about whom the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the child of Mary and Joseph.”

[46] “From Nazareth?” said Nathaniel. “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip replied, “Come and see.”

[47] Jesus saw Nathaniel coming, and remarked, “This one is truly an Israelite in whom there is no guile, no deceit!”

[48] Nathaniel asked, “Where did you get to know me?”

Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

[49] Nathaniel replied, “Rabbi, you are God’s own! You are the ruler of Israel!”

[50] Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”

[51] Then Jesus went on to say to them, “The truth of the matter is, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Chosen One.”

* **HYMN** — *Jesus Calls Us, O’re the Tumult* INSERT

SERMON — *Listening for the Word*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People -

SILENCE

A Litany Honoring the Observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

PASTOR: “By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion.... For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion.’” — (*Psalm 137:1, 3*)

And Dr. King said: “I have stood in a meeting with hundreds of youngsters and joined in while they sang “Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round.” It is not just a song; it is a resolve.... These songs bind us together, give us courage together, help us march together.” (*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — Why We Can’t Wait*)

ALL: **For the power of songs and songs of power, we give you thanks, O God.**

PASTOR: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of God; for God makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.” — (*Matthew 5:43–44 [ILV]*)

And Dr. King said: “Let us therefore not think of our movement as one that seeks to integrate into all the existing values of American society. Let us

be those creative dissenters who will call our beloved country to a higher destiny, to a new plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness.” — (*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Where Do We Go from Here?*)

ALL: **For your realm, which stands beyond and against all nations, and your justice, which judges all people, we give you thanks, O God.**

PASTOR: This is what Dr. King said in the *I Have a Dream* speech: “When we allow freedom to ring from every town and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children— black... and white... Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant— will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual”:

ALL: **“Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”
Amen!**

* **HYMN** — *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* INSERT, v, 1, 2 ,3

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE —

Holy God, We Praise Your Name INSERT, v, 4

Postlude

Harpswell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpswell Community Television – Channel 14

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7960701>



Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Carmen Fortin
Coffee Hour	Hospitality



Pastor Joe’s office hours for the week of January 15th

Monday, January 15th – 9am – 11am

The Bible Study passage for Monday 1/15 at 11:00 a.m. is:

Mark 1:14-20.

Morning Has Broken

Lyric. J. F. Connolly, 1997

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans. 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken Christ is the morn - ing. God's Word now
2 Christ in a man - ger; An - gels are sing - ing. Shep - herds are
3 In the be - gin - ning Christ is the sun - rise. Ev - en when
4 Christ is the sun - light; God with us al - ways. Alph - a O -

spo - ken, light - ing our ways. In Christ is be - ing
fear - ful. Why be a - fraid? Light to the peo - ple
E - den's sounds were first heard. Sal - va - tion win - ning,
meg - a, Grant - ing new sight. God who is stead - fast;

New light and dawn - ing. Wis - dom and mean - ing all of our days.
Light to all na - tions. God ev - er car - ing; Cov - e - nant made.
Light - ing the dark - ness, Christ res - ur - rect - ed — One with the Word.
God who is grac - ious; God who is faith - ful; Ban - ish - ing night.



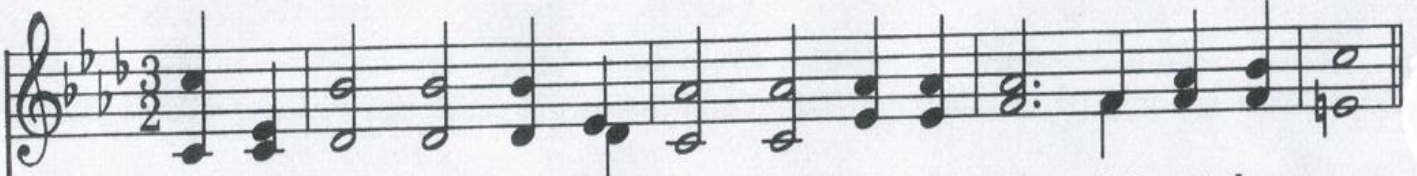
Today's flowers are donated by Nancy Hurst and Linda Gillis

In loving memory of Elizabeth Wells

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Cecil F. Alexander 1818-1895

GALILEE 8.7.8.7.
William H. Jude, 1851-1922



1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je - sus calls us; by thy mer - cies, Sav-ior, may we hear thy call,



Day by day his sweet voice sound-eth, Say-ing, "Christian, fol - low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say-ing, "Christian, love me more."
Still he calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to thine o - be-dience, Serve and love thee best of all. A-men.



Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Anon., German, c. 1774

Rev. 4:8-11

Transl. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1853; alt.

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Sov - ereign God, we
2 Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
4 God, Whose Realm is now be - gun: Christ, Cre - a - tor

bow be - fore you; All on earth your scep - ter claim,
round are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Spir-it: we name you. Three and yet You are on - ly One,

all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with
and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; So we gath - er to

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
joys a - flame: ho - ly, ho - ly is your name.
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
wor - ship Thee, Tri - une God: a mys - ter - y.

Prayer Requests for January 14, 2024

At home...

Pat Moody
Connie Henry

Bill Menz

Mark Wilson

In nursing homes...

Sam Wright
David Ferris

In assisted living...

Gary Anderson
Ernestine Machesney

Tom Jones
Joan Phillips

Away...

Richard Haley

C V Noyes

George Patterson

Sick, in the hospital or rehabilitation...

Hope Tanguay

Recovering from illness or surgery...

Dana Porter Carson

George Perkins

Grieving...

Family of Ellie Patterson

Thanksgivings...

The Pastoral Search Committee

Special concerns...

The School House 1913 fire victims Joseph Arena & Caroline Daniel

For the people in the paths of storms and fires

Emergency responders / Health care workers / Essential workers...

Praise God for our partnership with WHPW and Channel 14!

Please keep those named above in your prayers. If you have any questions, or would like others to be prayed for, please contact Susan Ferris, Chairperson of our Prayer Circle.

Susan can be reached at 666-3247 or sueherb@myfairpoint.net.

**** SCHEDULE FOR 2023 ANNUAL REPORTS & 2024 ANNUAL MEETING ****

Monday, January 22 - 2023 annual reports from officers, boards and committees are due in the church office.

Sunday, February 11 - 2023 EKC Annual Report and Annual Meeting Agenda will be available for distribution.

Sunday, February 18 - 2024 Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall (11:15 am)

Copies of the annual report and meeting agenda will also be available as a .pdf document and the annual meeting will be available on the Church Zoom platform for those unable to attend in person. Please notify Stephanie (adminassist@elijahkloggchurch.org or 207-833-6026) in the Church office for a digital copy of the annual report and agenda and/or a link to the Zoom platform, if desired, no later than Wednesday, February 14.

Upcoming Meetings

Trustees will meet at the church on Monday, January 15 at 7pm

Congregational Council will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm

From your Deacons

At our meeting on January 9, we agreed with Joe that Sunday service should be canceled in the face of a major storm. To find that information you may call the church office at 833-6026, check your email or watch the listings of cancellations on a local TV station such as WCSH-TV.

We also want to let the congregation know that we are using only gluten-free bread for communion services.

Missions

Food Bank (MCHHP) requests for the month of January are:

- *Canned Tuna or other canned fish (Salmon, Sardines, etc.)
- *Pasta Sauce
- *Canned Stews or other pasta meals
- *Low sugar breakfast cereals (not easy to find)
- *Toilet Paper

Thank you!

Dementia Caregivers Book Group

November was National Caregiver Support Month, although many local caregivers may not be aware that organizations exist to support their efforts. While it's difficult to determine how many family caregivers work in Harpswell, the large population of older adults suggests it's a good number. Support from fellow caregivers can ease the pain and grief that can be difficult to manage alone. To that end, Elizabeth Davis will host a **Dementia Caregivers Book Group beginning on Tuesday, January 16th**, with support from Harpswell Aging at Home. The group will meet once a week at the Harpswell Town Office, from 10-11 a.m. each Tuesday.


HAH will supply copies of the book "Loving Someone Who Has Dementia," by Pauline Boss. Each meeting will include discussion of one of the nine chapters. Topics to be covered include ambiguous loss; the myth of closure; and stress, coping and resiliency.

For more information or to register, call Davis at 207-310-4418. Family caregivers from all towns are welcome.


Blood Drive

Saturday, January 27
9am – 2pm

You can sign-up by going to the link in the flyer or call Stephanie in the office and she can sign you up.



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



American Red Cross

Harpswell Community Blood Drive

Elijah Kellogg Church – 917 Harpswell Neck Rd, Harpswell

Saturday, January 27th
9:00am–2:00pm

Use Drive Keyword "HarpswellIME" @ Link Below To sign Up

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS