



Elijah Kellogg Church, Congregational

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Interim Pastor

ELIJAH KELLOGG CHURCH WORSHIP

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION — “Progress has not followed a straight ascending line, but a spiral with rhythms of progress and regression, of evolution and dissolution.”
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)

“Churches that are safe spaces are not really churches. Churches exist to teach people how to follow Jesus and that will never be safe.” — Rev. Dr. Jeff Hood, Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Welcome and Announcements

A TIME FOR MISSION — Mary Malia of The College Guild

Passing of the Peace...

* Call to Worship —

ONE: God is our rock and our salvation.

MANY: God is our refuge and our deliverance.

ONE: Let us trust in God at all times and in all places.

MANY: Let us pour out our hearts to the One who hears. Let us open our eyes to God’s steadfast love. Let us understand that God showers us with gifts and accepts our faithful service.

INVOCATION

* **HYMN** — *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way* 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 EPISTLES — 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 [ILV]

[29] I tell you, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those with a spouse live as though they had none, [30] and those who mourn as though they had nothing for which to mourn, and those who rejoice live as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy conduct themselves as though they had no possessions, [31] and those who deal with the world live as though they had no dealings with it. For the world as we know it, in its present form, is passing away.

SPECIAL MUSIC —

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS — Mark 1:14-20 [ILV]

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, [15] and saying, “This is the time of fulfillment. The dominion of God, the realm of God has come near, is at hand; change your hearts and minds; believe in this good news.”

[16] While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting a net into the sea— since they, by trade, fished. [17] And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed.

[19] Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They were in their boat mending the nets. [20] Immediately Jesus called them; they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired hands. And James and John followed Jesus.

*** HYMN — *O Mystery of Gentle Light* INSERT**

SERMON — *They Followed*

Piano Meditation —

Prayers of the People -

SILENCE

* **HYMN** — *O Jesus, I Have Promised* INSERT, v. 1, 2, 3

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *O Jesus, I Have Promised* INSERT, v. 4

Postlude

Harpwell Community Radio – WHPW 97.3 FM

Harpwell Community Television – Channel 14

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



Serving you this morning:	
Interim Minister	Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly
Pianist	Elizabeth Cromwell
Reader	Josie Davies
Ushers	Wendy Van Damme & Ned Pierce
Coffee Hour	Hospitality



Pastor Joe's office hours for the week of January 22nd

Monday, January 22nd, 9am – 11am

The Bible Study passage for Monday January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. is:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Office Closed

Stephanie will not be in the office on Monday, January 22nd or Wednesday January 24th.

Should you need assistance, please call the office and leave a message or email her.

She will be monitoring both phone messages and emails.



The flowers today are in loving memory of Wallter (Doc) Phillips

given by Joan Phillips

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

William Matson, 1866; alt.

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,
2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace
3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er
4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,

and give me an o - be - dient mind,
the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;
for - sake the right, or do the wrong;
be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;

That in your ser - vice I may find
and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,
A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,
Ful - fill your will in all I do,

my heart's de - light from day to day.
to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
and keep me in your shel - tering care.
and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

O Mystery of Gentle Light (Phos Hilaron)

1 O Mys- ter - y of gen - tle light, O splen - did Glo - ry,
2 Each day the sun does fade to night, Be - reft of light it
3 Un - ceas - ing - ly our tongues shall laud The One Be - got - ten

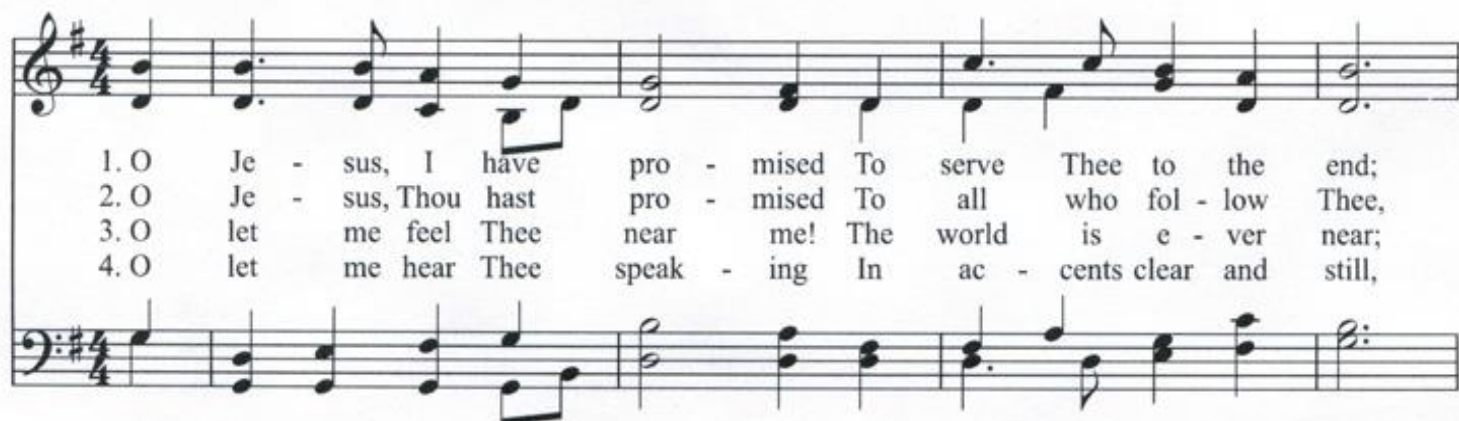
shin - ing bright, Im - mor - tal God and Spir - it — One —
quen - ch - es sight. The Trin - i - ty re - lights our days
Child of God; O Breath of Life — let all pro - claim —

with Christ Whose light is like the Sun.
so sing our hymns of that love and praise.
the glo - ry of that won - drous Name.

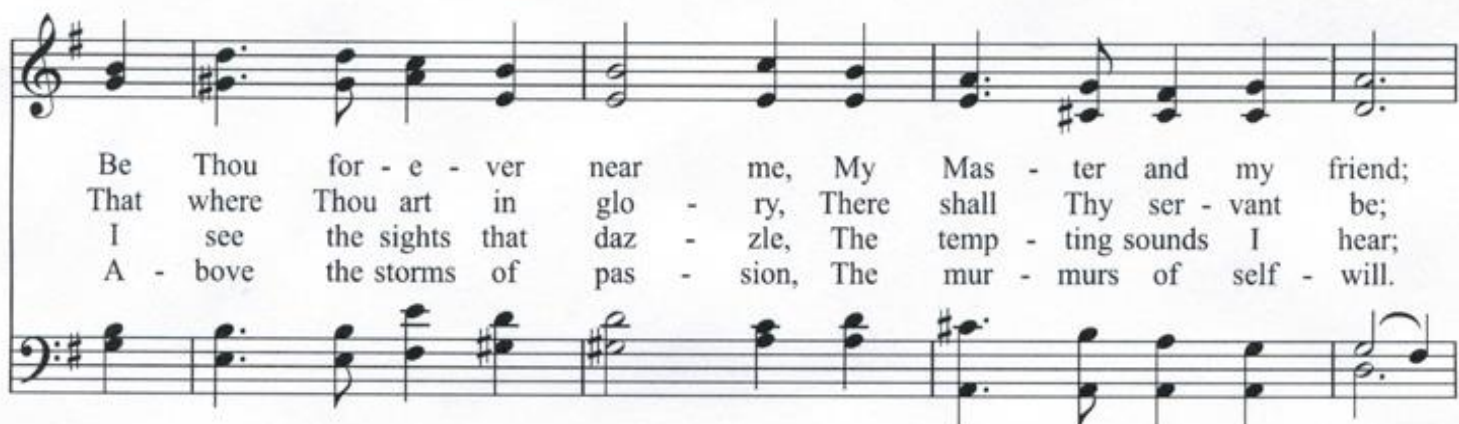
Phos Hilaron is an ancient Christian hymn, the earliest known Christian hymn recorded outside of the Bible still in use today. One record of a written example of the hymn dates as early as the late 3rd century but it was most assuredly in use before that time.

Tune: TALLIS' CANON

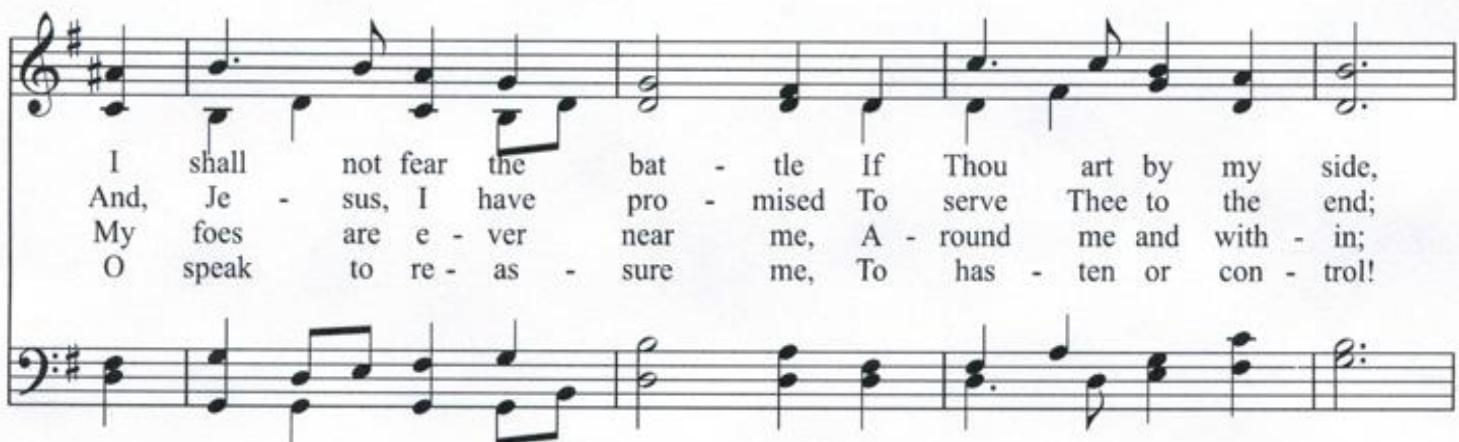
O Jesus, I Have Promised



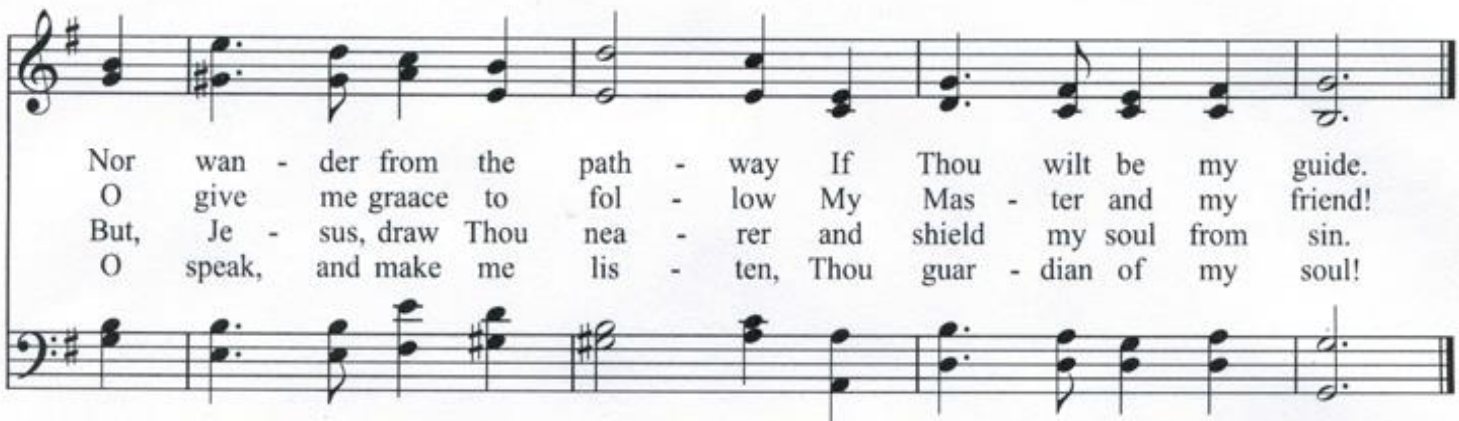
1. O Je - sus, I have pro - mised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O Je - sus, Thou hast pro - mised To all who fol - low Thee,
3. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is e - ver near;
4. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,



Be Thou for - e - ver near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;
That where Thou art in glo - ry, There shall Thy ser - vant be;
I see the sights that daz - zle, The temp - ting sounds I hear;
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
And, Je - sus, I have pro - mised To serve Thee to the end;
My foes are e - ver near me, A - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol!



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
O give me graace to fol - low My Mas - ter and my friend!
But, Je - sus, draw Thou nea - rer and shield my soul from sin!
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guar - dian of my soul!

Prayer Requests for January 21, 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 Wendell Davidson

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.

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

BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT

The Board of Missions met January 12th, via Zoom. Monies disbursed were \$600.00 to:

Spectrum-MOW (Meals On Wheels)	\$200
Tri-County Literacy	\$200
Dennysville Church	\$200

Thank you,
Your Missions Board

**** 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@elijahkelloggchurch.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.

No Board of Committee meetings scheduled for next week.

**** Blood Drive CANCELLED ****

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the American Red Cross has had to cancel our Blood Drive scheduled for Saturday, January 27th.

We will update you as soon as a make-up date is available.

Directory & Mailing List

Does the office have your current mailing address, phone number and email address? An easy way to find out is to look in the most current directory. Directories can be found in the office. If you find any of your information needs to be updated, please let Stephanie know and she will make the updates.

Advertising Update

Hi everyone! I'm pleased to announce that I will be taking over as the new contact person for advertising here at the church. Please feel free to send me any upcoming event information you have (dates/times/details), I can create a flyer and share it with the media outlets. I am looking for someone to be in charge of putting out roadside signs across town and posting flyers around for upcoming events. If you are interested in this duty, please let me know! My email is edcheerleader@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Erica Davis

Habitat for Humanity

If anyone has a piece of art that you would like to donate to the Habitat art auction, please let Karin Soderberg know and she will give you the details. It can be a painting, print, etching, sculpture, or mixed media. Habitat is accepting donations until January 31.



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ON DISPLAY AT THE RESTORE: 2/6/24 — 2/24/24

LIVE ONLINE BIDDING: 2/14/24 — 2/24/24 →

Featuring original works from local artists and volunteers, rare donated art, and other unique items. All proceeds help build and repair homes for local families with limited incomes.

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