

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2015

Power to Do

First Congregational

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OF CHRIST

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Mark 1:21-28

✠ Invites worshipers to stand in spirit or body as they are able.

NCH - Indicates the New Century Hymnal

SP&P - Indicates the Sing! Prayer and Praise Songbook

Welcome and Greetings

One: This is a place of safety. Now is a time of comfort.

All: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in C

G.F. Handel

Call to Worship

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, how do you come to worship?

All: We come as we are, with parts that are whole and parts that are broken, parts that are well and parts that are sick, parts that are joyful and parts that are in pain.

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

All: We bring hope for health and wholeness.

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, who do you come to meet?

All: We come to worship God who is gracious, merciful and kind, who offers us comfort and healing.

Introit

Glorious is Your Name, O Jesus

NCH 53

Please join the choir to sing the introit together.

Invocation

All: Come to us again, O God. Fill our prayers with power and our hearts with faith. We pray for the pain of the world and for our own pain. We pray for your mercy and your healing. Let your blessings flow among us and within us as we worship here in Christ's name. Amen.

‡**Procession:** *How Firm a Foundation*

The tune is number 407 in the New Century Hymnal.
Please join the choir singing verses 1 and 5 with the following words:

**Vs 1: How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

The choir will sing verses 2, 3 & 4

**Vs 5: The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no, never forsake!**

The Service of Reconciliation:

One: Friends, let us confess together:

**All: O Divine Healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn
for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives
to remove our pain, illness and suffering.**

Quiet reflection

One: Grant us patience, O God

**All: We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing
from Jesus and assume you will perform a similar
miracle for all of us—if we just pray hard enough!**

Quiet reflection

One: Grant us vision, O God

**All: Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools
you have given us with which to seek healing in the
midst of our afflictions and diseases.**

Quiet reflection

One: In the midst of struggle, disease and affliction, we once
again recall that we are made in God's image and God
sees us as whole and good.

**All: May we celebrate God in our midst through oppor-
tunities of wholeness and justice**

‡**Passing the Peace**

Gospel Proclamation: Mark 1:21-28 Pew Bible, NT, p. 33

Stepping Stones Presentation

A Time of Sharing with our Children Rev. Susan Huffman

Anthem

Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

Haugen

Please join the chorus as invited.

Refrain D Em7/D G/D A/DD G Bm7/A G A

Heal- er of our ev- 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F:m7 Bm Em7 F#7 G Em A/C: D *Finis*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

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Homily

Rev. Ted Huffman

Concerns of our Community

Souper Bowl Sunday

Break Through Covenant

Offerings:

Invitation

Offertory

Sinfonia

J.S. Bach

† **Doxology**

NCH 780

† **Prayer of Dedication**

The Service of Holy Communion:

One: Beloved in Christ, the gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death and appeared to Mary Magdalene. On that same day he sat at table with two disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children come from the east and the west from the north and the south to gather at Christ's table.

One: This table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

All: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

One: We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being.

All: We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

One: We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith.

All: We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

One: We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory.

All: We come here in remembrance of Jesus.

One: Jesus came to seek the lost, to heal the sick, to free the captive and to restore the broken. We give you thanks for his unfailing love.

All: Healing God, who makes all things new we thank you for coming to us, becoming one of us, carrying our shame and our pain, and opening the way to life.

One: We lift up our hearts to honor you and give you thanks:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

One: As part of his work of healing, Jesus gave us this sacrament to remind us of his love, to invite us into his grace, and to extend to us His renewal. So we remember: at his last meal with his friends before he died, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and then shared it saying,

All: This is my body broken; eat it and remember me.

One: After they had eaten, he took the cup, blessed it and shared it saying,

All: This is my blood shed; drink it and remember me.

One: And so we eat and drink with thanks and we remember the sacrifice of Jesus that makes us whole.

Hymn *Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary* **SP&P 187**

One: Let us proclaim what we believe: We believe in God.

All: The creator of all that we see, and all that we do not see.

One: We believe in Jesus Christ,

All: God become flesh; in death the forgiver of sinners, in rising the healer of the broken.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: God within us; comforter, strengthener and friend.

One: Now, gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, on our gifts and on us.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal and throughout all our lives, that we may know you in all of the moments of our lives.

One: We pray as we have been taught:

All: Our father in heaven hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Communion will be served in the pews.
The cup in the center of the tray contains gluten-free bread.
Please hold your bread so that all may eat together.
Please drink your cup as you are served.

One: Friends, let us say grace:

All: We thank you, God, that you have fed us with your life, embraced us with your love, touched us with your healing and filled us with your spirit. Amen.

✠ **Recessional:** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **NCH 347**

✠ **Benediction**

One: Touched by your grace,

All: We take your grace to the world.

One: Healed by your love,

All: We take your love to the world.

One: Renewed by your Spirit,

All: We go in the Spirit's power to be agents of your healing. Amen.

✠ **Response** *Amen, Amen* **NCH 161**

Postlude *Cebell* H. Purcell

Worshippers are invited to be seated for the postlude.

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Today is Break Through Covenant Sunday

Our Church maintains a special relationship with Break Through, Inc.

"The Break Through mission is one of rehabilitation education and advocacy for and about people with disabilities to encourage and enlighten the public about people with disabilities in that they are people first and have rights and needs and they also have gifts and talents to bring to the community."

We support with a special offering

A special offering to support and extend the mission of Break Through, Inc. will be received **Today**. Envelops are provided for your use.

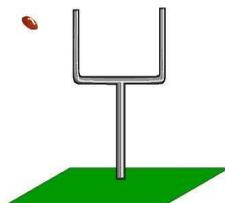
Break Through Inc. continues to work with the South Dakota Conference through the Emerging Ministries Summit. In the past year a special emphasis has been working with rural and Native American schools and family populations within South Dakota.



No matter which football team is your favorite, you can help support the **Souper Bowl of Caring** today.

Drop off nonperishable food items or monetary donations at the goal post display located in the church entryway.

All food and funds will be donated to Church Response. **Thank you for caring!**



This Week's Events

Today: Sunday, February 1

- 8:30am: Adult Choir Practice
- 9:30am: Worship for All Ages;
Break Through Covenant
- 10:30am: Fellowship
- 10:45am: Dept. of Education

Monday, February 2

- 6:30pm: Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 3

- 12:00pm: Church Chat
- 1:00pm: Craft Day
- 1:15pm: Spiritual Practices

Wednesday, February 4

- 11:30am: WF Board Meeting
- 6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
NO UCY
- 7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, February 5

- 12:00pm: UCM Thursday Forum

Friday, February 6

- 1:00pm: Stained Glass Project
- 1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

Sunday, February 8

- 8:30am: Adult Choir Practice
- 9:30am: Worship; Sunday School
- 10:30am: Fellowship

News and Events

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Bonnie Edwards**, following the death of her brother, **Raymond Barrett**, on January 26 in Slayton Minnesota.

Please hold **John Winder**, brother of **Laura Boyd**, in your prayers as he battles cancer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following members, families and friends in your prayers:

Marvin Bitterman, Bill Dittmer, Don Dodge, Ed Dull, Carol Boyles' brother, Terry, Myron Mason, Deb Tomkins, Gwyn Wathen's mother, Cheryl Wathen, and Rev. Don Stoebner.

LIBRARY NEWS

Even though the Sunday School does not meet today, the Readers' Club does! We need volunteers to sign up to read. The sign up sheet

is located on the pillar by Readers' Corner. Thank you.

Reminder: reading logs are due **today.**

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 1: Stephanie Nielsen

Feb. 2: Henry Bradshaw

Feb. 4: Clara Crutcher

Feb. 5: Emilee Nickel

Feb. 7: Kathleen Grigg

Feb. 8: Sybil Rounds

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for such a wonderful baby shower! Thanks to Sue Maynard and all the ladies who put on the baby shower, My family and I are very grateful for all the lovely gifts and money gifts as well.

Again, thank you all so very much.

Jenna Cruz and family

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DINNER FOR SIX OR EIGHT

Dinner for Six or Eight is a great way to become better acquainted with fellow church members. Sign up for the 2015 Season of Dinner for Six or Eight in Fellowship Hall **today**. You can choose a group of six or eight, and then your group can decide how to proceed with meeting in each other's homes or meeting at a restaurant for brunch, lunch, or supper. For more information, contact **Becky Fisher or Kathleen Batchelder**.

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Department of Hospitality invites everyone to our church-wide birthday party following worship on **Sunday, Feb. 15**, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a birthday table (with decorations, cake, and beverages) for each month of the year. You can share your birthday with others who share "your month." You can sign up in Fellowship Hall **today or Feb. 8** to decorate a table and/or bake a cake. Questions? Contact any member of the **Dept. of Hospitality or Kathleen Batchelder**.

CHURCH CHAT

Two books have been selected for our reading and discussion topics this spring. For **Feb. 3, 17 and March 3**, we will be discussing The Elephant Whisperer; My Life with the Herd in the African Wild by Lawrence Anthony. For **Feb. 3**,

we will discuss chapters 1-14. Beginning **March 17**, we will discuss Orhan Pamuk's book Snow. If you would like to order these two books and join our Church Chat discussions, contact **Kathleen Batchelder**. All are encouraged to participate. We meet **noon to 1 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month**, in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact **Bonnie Edwards, Barb Knight, or Georgia O'Connor**.

UCM MEAL

Dinner will be served to students at the School of Mines on **Feb. 9**. Our church provides the food to the United Campus Ministry there. We need cookies again for this project. Please let **Pat Wheaton at 721-3647** or anyone else in the Dept. of Ministries know if you can bring cookies to church on **Sunday, February 8**.



Ash Wednesday

PANCAKE SUPPER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

United Church Youth will serve the Ash Wednesday pancake supper on **Wed., Feb. 18, beginning at 6:00pm**. The Ash Wednesday service of worship will follow at **7:00pm**.

Everyone is invited to join in as we begin the journey of Lent.

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Don't underestimate the power of a penny. Two dozen faith leaders including UCC General Minister and President the Rev. Geoffrey A. Black supported the effort of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to pressure fast food giant Wendy's International to increase the cost of tomatoes by a penny a pound. The increase would benefit the wages and working conditions of migrant workers who harvest the tomatoes.

“While an extra penny per pound of tomatoes does not sound like much, it will nearly double the wages of these workers,” said Edie Rasell, UCC minister for economic justice. The UCC has been a long-time supporter of the CIW, a community-based organization that advocates for and whose members are low-wage agricultural workers. The first time the UCC joined a CIW campaign was in 2001 when the group began petitioning Taco Bell for the penny-per-pound increase. Taco Bell signed on in 2005, McDonald's in 2006 and Walmart and four of the five largest fast-food restaurants agreed to the increase in 2014.

One holdout is the grocery chain, Publix. More than 350 General Synod delegates marched to a local Publix during the 2011 Synod in Tampa Bay to show their support of the CIW and the Fair Food Program. Trader Joe's and Whole Foods are on board. The \$550 billion supermarket industry is next. “How can a small group of farm workers—who anyone would think has no power or influence—make multi-billion-dollar firms do the right thing?” Rasell asks. “There is no explanation, except the power of their convictions, the strength of their moral position, and the solidarity they have received from their allies.” And, of course, the grace of God.



Thanks to:

Our Church Family and Friends

Cam Miller, guestbook and nametags

Pandi and Monty Bollock, greeters

Usher Team 1

Oona and Rowan Evans, acolytes

Tim Mitchell, liturgist

The Adult Choir

Alta Wade and Mary Lou and Bob Ehrke, coffee hosts

Jeanette and Ron Hill, dishwashers

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Ted E. Huffman

Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Susan R. Huffman

Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Kathleen Batchelder

Pastor and Teacher

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Bell Choir Director

Michael Ross

Organist

Becky Umenthum

Interim Adult Choir Director

Gerry Boehrs

Moderator

Rev. Dr. Henry Bradshaw

Pastor Emeritus

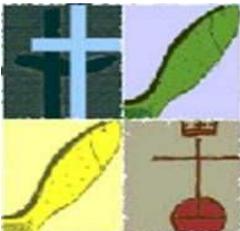
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