Science and Technology February 13, 2022



Guest Preacher: Christopher Williams



Welcome! Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us? Text "New" to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/Congregation/all)

Prelude	Organ Works from Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi op. 9, (1932) - Herman Schroeder	Scott Horton, organ	
Welcome		Christopher Williams	
*Call to Wors	hip (Inspired by Psalm 8)	Liturgist: Char Lund	
One:	Wonderful God! Awesome God! How majestic is your name in all the universe.		
All:	Wonderful God! Awesome God! How majestic is your name in all the universe.		
One:	Your glory is woven through the fabric of the heavens. Everywhere we turn, below us, beside us, above us, all that we experience is evidence of your presence. Soil, grass, water, sun, moon, and stars, all of them proof of your work in the universe.		
All:	Wonderful God! Awesome God! How majestic is your name in all the universe.		
One:	We wonder: why do you care about us? What are we compared to the galaxies spread across time and space, or to the amazing worlds of life too small for us to see or to the great animals of land and sea?		
All:	Wonderful God! Awesome God! How majestic is your name in all the universe.		
One:	You have called us to be caretakers, giving us curiosity and wonder that drive us the entirety of creation from the microscopic and atoms to the telescopic worlds orbiting away.	worlds of bacteria	

All:	Wonderful God! Awesome God! How majestic is your name in all the ur	nderful God! Awesome God! w majestic is your name in all the universe.		
One:	•	called to care for every life here on earth, seek out life that may exist out there in your universe, verywhere, a part of your sacred work of creation.		
All:	Wonderful God! Awesome God! How majestic is your name in all the ur	erful God! Awesome God! najestic is your name in all the universe.		
*Hymn	"Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit"	#567, pew hymnal		
Opening Pra	ayer			
Holy God, We long to feel connection with our bodies, the land, and each other. Dominant forces make it difficult to move slow enough to do so. We are deterred from lingering with breath, bumblebee, birch tree, and beloveds. Enable our resistance to systems and norms that profit from numbing-out and rushing past. We hope to learn to practice the pace of connection. Amen.				
Scripture Ro	eading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Liturgist: Char Lund		
Choral Anth	em "Creation Sings" - Townend/Getty, arr. Koerts	Chancel Choir		

Time for Discovery

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still; let this be our song — no one stands alone, standing side by side. Draw the circle wide. Gordon Light, ©1994 Common Cup Company OneLicense.net License #A-711732

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Luke 6:17-26

Liturgist: Char Lund

Sermon

Christopher Williams

"Blest Are They" Insert

*Hymn

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Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer Lord, listen to your children praying: Lord send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying: Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Liturgist: Char Lund



*Blessing and Sung Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid; God will go with you each hour of ev'ry 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 will see God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen.

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

"Poco vivace" from Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi op. 9 - H. Schroeder Scott Horton, organ

We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

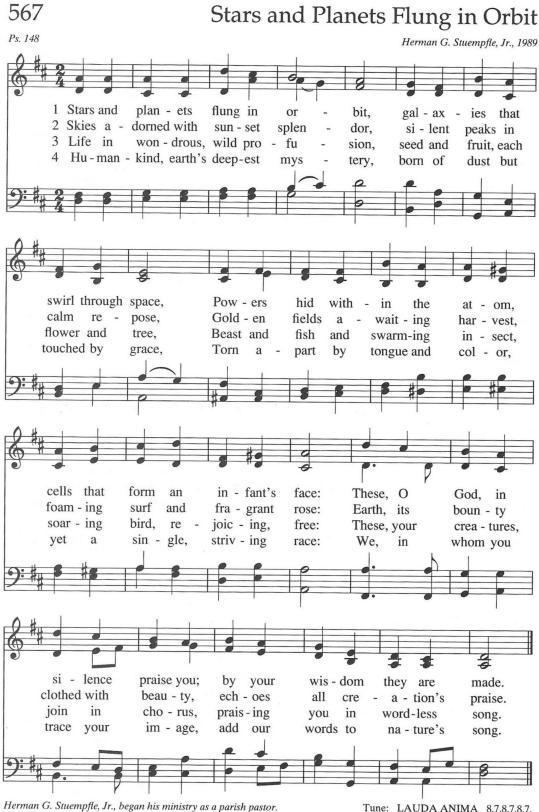
New Worship Time!

Starting on Sunday, March 6, we will be hosting an Exploration

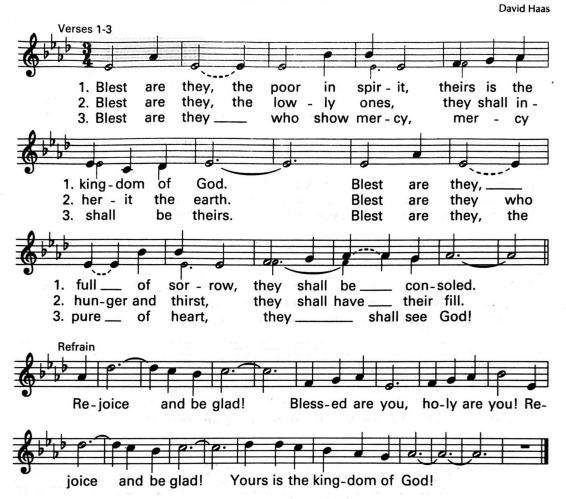
Hour beginning at 9am!

Our Worship Service will begin at 10:00am!

More information about Exploration Hour will be coming soon!



Herman G. Silempfie, Jr., began his ministry as a parish pastor. His long association with Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg began in 1962 when he joined the faculty as professor of preaching, and continued until 1989 when he retired as president emeritus. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7. John Goss, 1869 **BLEST ARE THEY**



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This Week at Big Red

Monday, Feb. 14

• 5:00pm: Yoga (Nursery)

Friday, Feb. 18

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Tuesday, Feb. 15

 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, Feb. 19

No Events

Wednesday, Feb. 16

- 8:00am: Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:00pm: Yoga (Nursery)
- 6:00pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 7:00pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Thursday, Feb. 17

- 2:00pm: Ministry of Outreach (Zoom)
- 6:00pm: Ministry of Worship (Zoom)

Sunday, Feb. 20

• 9:30am: Worship (Sanctuary)

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Music Director/Organist: Scott Horton

Ushers: Clifford Dodd, Hank Delcore, Joel Bright

Technician: Patrick Lopez

FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.