

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## January 10, 2021

Dwight United Methodist Church  
Dwight, Illinois



### Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Mary Arnold

God is good. **All the time.** All the Time. **God is good.**

### Prelude- Prepare Your Heart for Worship

“Air”

Ellie Bossert

### Call to Worship

Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the beauty of God.

**We sing of the One Who clothes us with joy.**

Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the Light of Salvation.

**We worship the One Who wraps us in grace.**

Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the Hope of new life.

**We worship the One Who blesses us with hope.**

Rejoice in Christ Jesus, the One Who is here.

**We worship the Christ, God’s love in our midst.**

### Worship in Song

**Hymn #529 (verses 1, 3 & 5)**

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

**Verse One:**

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?

**Verse Three:**

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

### **Verse Five:**

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

### **Unison Prayer**

**Holy and Loving God, in the fullness of time, You revealed Yourself to us as the Christ Child. Reveal Yourself to us again that we may know and trust Your promises with the faith and strength of Anna and Simeon. As Jesus grew in strength and wisdom, may we, as Your sons and daughters, grow in the strength and wisdom of Your Holy Word. Amen.**

### **A Time with the Children**

Stacey Stefanski

### **Worship in Song**

“Blessed Be Your Name”

DUMC Praise Band

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful. Where Your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be Your name. Blessed Be Your name.

When I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed Be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name. Blessed be Your name.

When the sun's shining down on me. When the world's 'all as it should be'.  
Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name.

On the road marked with suffering. Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name. Every blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I'll say.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say.  
Lord blessed be Your name.

You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say.  
Lord blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Blessed be Your glorious name.

## **The Word of God**

### **Luke 2:22-38**

<sup>22</sup> Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so Jesus' parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> The law of the Lord says, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." <sup>24</sup> So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord—"either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

#### **The Prophecy of Simeon**

<sup>25</sup> At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him <sup>26</sup> and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, <sup>28</sup> Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. <sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" <sup>33</sup> Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. <sup>35</sup> As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."

#### **The Prophecy of Anna**

<sup>36</sup> Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. <sup>37</sup> Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. <sup>38</sup> She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Message**

"Promise Received, Blessings Given" Rev. Mary Arnold

### **Worship in Song**

"All the People Said Amen"

DUMC Praise Band

You are not alone if you are lonely. When you're feeling frail, you're not the only. We are all the same in need of mercy. To be forgiven and be free. It's all you got to lean on. But thank God, it's all you need.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa, oh And all the people said Amen.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said Amen.  
If you're rich or poor well it don't matter. Weak or strong, we know love is what  
we're after. We're all broken but we're all in this together. God knows we stumble  
and fall. And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa, oh. And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said Amen  
Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart. Blessed are the prosecuted and  
the pure in heart. Blessed are the people lonely for another start.

For this is a kingdom. The kingdom of God.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa, oh. And all the people said Amen.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends. And all the people said Amen.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa. Oh. And all the people said Amen.

Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.

And all the people said Amen. And all the people said Amen

## **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

### **Hymn #452 (verses 1 & 2)**

#### **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

##### **Verse One:**

My faith looks up to thee thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine! Now hear me  
while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

##### **Verse Two:**

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Postlude**

#### **"Lift up Your Songs of Praise"**

Ellie Bossert

**Thank you for your continued witness and support of Christ's work around  
our world beginning with our local church. Do not forget to do good and to  
share with others, for such sacrifices are pleasing to our great God.  
(Hebrews 13:16) You may give your offering online or mail your gifts  
directly to the Church.**