



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's
work in the world.

A Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We enter this sanctuary not as strangers, but as children of God.

*Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in **bold**.
When this symbol (*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

Please wear face masks throughout the service.

We Gather at God's Call

Water Pouring

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* -Molly Ijames

Greeting

*Call to Worship Mary Ann Alger, Worship Leader

Let us worship and sing praises to God,
for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!
God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.
God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.
Let us hope in God's steadfast love and worship God together!

*Hymn *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* 436

***God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unailing.***

*Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.*

*How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**O God you sustain our lives with grace,
and bring peace to our hearts.
Forgive us, O Lord,
when we contribute to the things that break your heart.
You would have us love mercy,
but we hold onto anger.
You would have us build community,
but we struggle to talk to those with whom we disagree.
You would have us see all people as our siblings,
but we try to separate ourselves by categories.
Forgive us, O God, by your grace,
and free us to be agents of your healing and reconciliation.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It comes to us with abundance and extends through us in word and deed. Let us live as people forgiven and made new - for our sake and for the sake of this world God loves.
Thanks be to God for the gift of grace that sets us free and transforms the world.

*Response *We Are Forgiven* 447

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

We Gather Around God's Word

Time with the Children Hannah Altman

*Afterward, children may return to their seats in the sanctuary
or go to Godly Play in the Fellowship Hall.*

Scripture Reading Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Pastor Ann Pettit

*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,**

eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Psalm

-Gordon Young

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

O For A World (vv. 1-4)

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*O for a world where everyone
 respects each other's ways,
 where love is lived and all is done
 with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared
 and misery relieved,
 where truth is spoken, children spared,
 equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family
 and struggle with each choice
 that opens us to unity
 and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
 the foolish ones are wise.
 Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
 who perishes will rise.*

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*O for a world preparing for
 God's glorious reign of peace,
 where time and tears will be no more,
 and all but love will cease.*

Life at Massanutten

- **This morning we welcome Ed Glover** to our worship service and thank him for providing today's music. Ed has been a good friend to our congregation and filled in for Carol Lown when she is away.
- **Massanutten Ringers and Carol are at Massanetta Springs** today where they have spent the weekend participating in *Ringling at the Springs*. Today is the closing worship service for that event and Pastor Keith has joined them to lead worship and offer the message.
- **Our week to host Open Doors is coming up, March 20—26th.** We are now collecting items to help provide meals through that week. You may sign-up online or by talking to Julia Sensabaugh on Sunday mornings before and after worship in the Narthex.
- **What would make life better for you or your family in our community or the Valley as a whole?** Join Massanutten's Faith in Action team and share your thoughts on this question. We will be gathering by Zoom on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 pm. The link will be available in the weekly email or, contact the church office and we will send it to you.
- **UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry** to students at JMU, EMU, BRCC and Bridgewater College. We are invited to support these students and their leaders by providing an occasional Wednesday evening meal that will serve approximately 10-12 people. If you would like to provide a meal/part of a meal please contact the church office.
- **MPC Preschool is OPEN for registration!** If you have a preschool-aged child (age 3 and 4), please contact Amanda Swartley at 757-876-6574 or mpcpreschooldirectory@gmail.com to register your children for the 2022-2023 school year. Registrations should be made by February 28 to ensure a spot for your preschooler.
- **Calling all men!** Each Wednesday at 7:30 am a group gathers in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and prayer. This group is open to new participants at any time!
- **Massanetta Springs** continues to provide hospitality to evacuees from Afghanistan. Volunteers are needed—2 per meal each day—to help in the dining room. Check out the website to sign up, or contact Dale Dobroth directly.
- **Current Food Pantry needs:** non-perishable food: mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, flavored rice and pasta mixes, hamburger helper, pancake syrup, instant oatmeal, crackers, baking mixes including: cake, cookie, brownie and muffins; jello and instant pudding, granola bars, sugar/flour. Household and personal items: laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet paper, adult Depends (M, L or XL), body lotion, plastic wrap and aluminum foil, reusable shopping bags, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), and baby wipes.

*In the event of inclement weather, check out WSHV,
 Facebook or the church website for changes.*