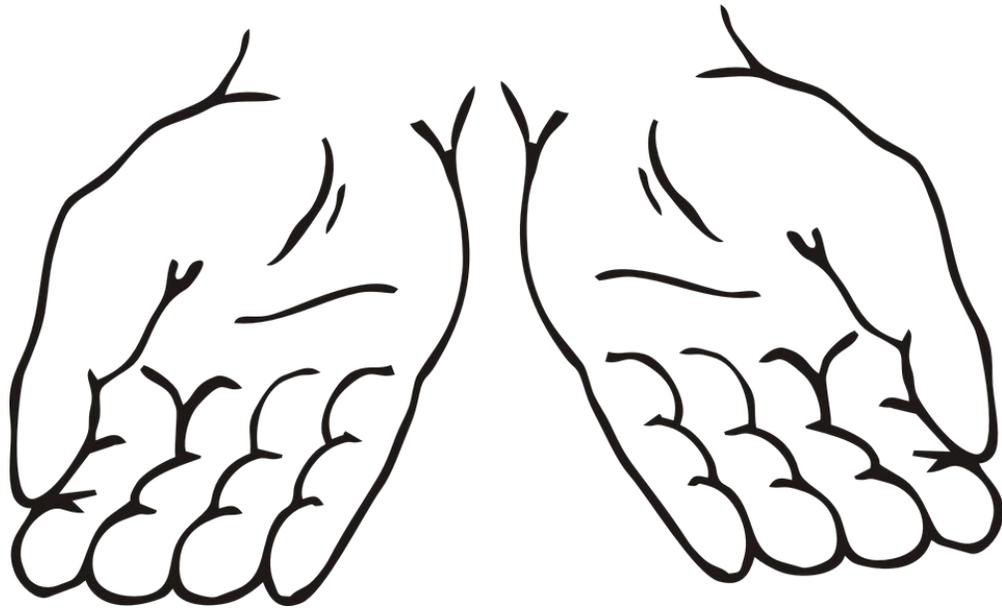


TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.” (Luke 6:21a)

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 17, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

CALL TO WORSHIP

LAY LEADER

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
 sending out its roots by the stream.
Baptized and freed,
 grounded in love,
 let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

God of life,
 in Christ you resurrect all things.
Raise us from death to life,
 that our transformation may bear witness
 to the power of your grace in our lives
 through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. **Amen**

***HYMN: #644 Give Thanks, O Christian People**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

If we say we have no sin,
 we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors,
 trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.
You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.
Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:
 people who are poor and hungry;
 people who weep.
We have not stood with those who are hated,
 bullied, and excluded.**

***Please stand if you are able**

Comfortable with the way things are,
we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray this now, for our sake,
and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Because Christ has been raised from the dead,
sin and death do not have the last word!

***GLORIA PATRI**

ALL

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

LAY LEADER

Those who place their faith in the Lord are blessed.
From where we stand,
let us share this blessing with those around us as we pass the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

ANTHEM: “Just Pass It On” by Don Besig

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

PASTOR

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

SERMON “*Empty, But Full*”

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #172 Blest Are They

***Please stand if you are able**

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR

(Responsively)

Holy One,

you have created us with the ability to choose between life and death,
blessings and curses.

Help us to reject the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers,
and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead of in you.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who put their trust in princes and politicians, and find themselves
deceived and misled.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, who weep.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who are making poor choices in their lives; may they turn to you for
guidance.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation: turn us from
our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

God, you demand much,

but promise that your yoke is easy.

Guide us throughout our lives,

keeping us ever mindful of the good news of your forgiving and renewing grace;

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

God places before us the ways of life

and the ways of death and bids us to choose.

As we prepare to give our tithes and offerings this day,

let us choose wisely, guided by the Holy Spirit who dwells among us.

***Please stand if you are able**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #592**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Holy One,

 bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you.

Use them to bless the poor,

 feed the hungry,

 and comfort those who weep;

 in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #765** May the God of Hope Go with Us

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

***Please stand if you are able**

PASTOR'S CORNER

Operation Warm Heart

During the coldest months, December to March, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless sponsors an emergency shelter program called Operation Warm Heart. With the help of local churches and community groups, up to 14 homeless individuals are given clothing, toiletries, a hot meal and a warm bed each night of the week. Volunteers to help cook meals, provide hospitality or sort donations to make personal kits for each guest are always needed.

Townley has partnered with the St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Elizabeth to provide temporary overnight shelter for these individuals. The dates are as follows:

Monday, February 25

Monday, March 11

Monday, March 25

Volunteer to greet and serve an evening meal from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Let Pastor Ron know what dates you are available. You need not volunteer for all the dates. Thank you!

As part of the Infinity Program with Connect One Bank, we received a check for \$760, which represents a percentage of our account for as well as members and friends of Townley who are customers of the bank and who have enrolled in the Program. A check is issued annually.

If you are a customer at the 5 Points branch or your family or friends are, please see a bank representative and sign up. Your account will always remain private but we will earn money. Please see Kathy Kreie or me for more information. Janet Sangekar

The **Sweet Heart Brunch** is today, right after our morning service.

Book Club

Meets on the 4th Sunday of *this* month right after service. We are currently reading "A Year of Living Biblically". Join us!

A Note from Our Treasurer

2/10/2019

We received \$933 in pledge & plate, \$25 Initial Offering and \$46 Per Capita.

Janet Sangekar

Nursing Home Visitation

Every Second Sunday of the month:
Join us at 2:00 PM at the Delaire Convalescent Center 400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ to share the Good News in word, song and presence.

"A Time for Prayer"

Resumes, Feb. 25 at 4:00 PM
If you can't make it to the church, take some "Time to Pray".

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

10	Barbara Sandorse
18	Lisa Heims
22	Betty Bryant

Food Pantry

Connecticut Farms needs peanut butter, cereal, and school supplies.

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- Email us at: townleychurch@yahoo.com
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Ron Thompson, Pastor

***Please stand if you are able**