



**VIRTUAL ORDER OF WORSHIP
HAMDEN PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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EPIPHANY III

January 24, 2021

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

Prelude

Welcome to the Parish

+Call to Worship

II Cor. 4:6, Eph. 2:17-18, alt.

Leader: For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

who has shone in our hearts

People: ***to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.***

Leader: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off

and peace to those who were near.

People: ***for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.***

ALL: ***LET US WORSHIP GOD!***

+Hymn

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

UMH #209

Morgen Campbell, Song Leader

The Prayer of the Day (*seated, unison*)

UM Book of Worship #312

Everlasting God, you gave us the faith of Christ for a light to our feet amid the darkness of this world. Have pity on all who, by doubting or denying it, are gone astray from the path of safety. Bring home the truth to their hearts, and grant them to receive it; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

UM Book of Worship, #493

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Pardon (*by the pastor*)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord. ***People: Thanks be to God.***

The Epistle

I Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord. ***People: Thanks be to God.***

+The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Liturgist: The Gospel of the Lord. ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn (seated) UMH #358
"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Morgen Campbell, Song Leader

The Sermon Pastor Brian
"Changing Your Mind"

+Affirmation of Faith UM Book of Worship, #889

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

ALL: ***This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.***

I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Please mail or drop off your tithes and offerings to 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514
Noisy Offering (coins given for missions) may be dropped off at the church.*

Offertory: by O'Carolan
"Planxty Irwin"
Sheldon Campbell, Guitar

+Response UMH #94
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Morgen Campbell, Song Leader

+Offertory Prayer

GOING FORTH
"Hope of the World"
Morgen Campbell, Song Leader UMH #178

The Benediction

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Blessed Be the God of Israel 209

Unison

1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
 2. Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace is given;
 3. On pris-on-ers of dark - ness the sun be-gins to rise,

who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,

The proph-ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;

God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
 the proph-et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

WORDS: Michael Perry, 1973 (Lk. 1:68-79)
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 358

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3. O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O
 4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
 ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hope of the World

Unison

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3. Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5. Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death vic - tor - ious,

Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,
 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy spir - it un - to us be giv - en,
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign.

TODAY AT HAMDEN PLAINS

GREETINGS TO ALL worshipping on-line or by program view today. Learn more about us at www.hamdenplainsumc.com, including the latest updates on our response to the COVID-19 crisis.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP REMAINS INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED. Please view the service on Zoom at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, or access **RECORDED PROGRAM WORSHIP** at www.hamdenplainsumc.com or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA . All services since March 15 are there.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS are listed on the grid elsewhere in these notices.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children, 9 a.m. Zoom link from Kersten Moore at disturbedteacher@gmail.com. **Adult**, 11:30 a.m., Zoom link from Sheldon Campbell at Sheldon.campbell@yale.edu

THE FEBRUARY "MESSENGER" was mailed on Thursday, January 21st.

OUR DIAPER DRIVE ENDS THIS THURSDAY, JANUARY 28. Diapers for all ages of children are needed. You may bring them to the church Tues. – Thurs., 9 a.m. – Noon or call the church office at 203.248.4654 to arrange for pick up. Financial gifts may be made, with check payable to "HPUMC" and memo it "Diapers." You may deliver it during office hours or mail it to 15 Church Street, Hamden, 06514. Thank you for your response.

ANNUAL MEETING/CHURCH COUNCIL/CHURCH CONFERENCE: This meeting will be held ***this Thursday, January 28th, 7 p.m.*** via Zoom. We will (a) receive annual reports, (b) vote on the 2021 Church budget and (c) approve a pastoral compensation package for the new pastor beginning July 1, 2021. The reports and budget copy were mailed electronically and by US Postal Service last Thursday. All are welcome to attend with vote reserved to members of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church. The Zoom link will be posted the day before both separately as a "Call to Church Conference" and in the "*Hamden Happenings.*"

COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP INVITES YOU TO OUR NEXT STUDY: Our Covenant Discipleship group invites new participants to join as we begin our next book, *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson. This is a relatively new book (April, 2020) that was on the NY Times bestseller list and won the Pulitzer Prize. A National Public Radio review from August 10, 2020 writes in part:

Now, in her sophomore effort, the former New York Times Chicago bureau chief does not disappoint. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is a masterwork of writing — a profound achievement of scholarship and research that stands also as a triumph of both visceral storytelling and cogent analysis.

What is caste? According to Wilkerson, "caste is the granting or withholding of respect, status, honor, attention, privileges, resources, benefit of the doubt, and human kindness to someone on the basis of their perceived rank or standing in the hierarchy." Racism and casteism do overlap, she writes, noting that "what some people call racism could be seen as merely one manifestation of the degree to which we have internalized the larger American caste system."

You can read the full review at www.npr.org, or "Google" the book title and the review will come up one of the first sources. You may read the book without joining the group. If you wish to join the group, we meet via Zoom each Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. beginning this study Tuesday, Feb. 2. At this writing I do not yet know how many weeks it will take to complete the study, but I imagine at least February through April. If you want to join, obtain the book or know more, please contact Pastor Brian at brianbodt@sbcglobal.net or 203.747.1781.

INTERESTED IN OUR BROADCAST/ONLINE MINISTRY? On *Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 10:30 am*, there will be an orientation session in the sanctuary for those interested in learning about this ministry. Did you know that since March 15, 2020 when the pandemic forced HPUMC to suspend regular worship activities, we have recorded and broadcast 44 consecutive Sunday worship services, in addition to special Easter Holy Week and Advent/Christmas Week services? To date these services have been viewed by 2,500+ worshippers on our HPUMC YouTube channel. Also, since July 5, 2020, when we started to Zoom broadcast services, more than 475 worshippers have also joined worship services over Zoom. We could use help in recording and broadcasting. If this is something you would like to learn about or help with, please contact Pastor Brian at brianbodt@sbcglobal.net or George Joseph at hpumc.social.media@gmail.com.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS for Wednesday Prayer Team may be made by contacting Holly O'Brien at 203.506.4822 or hollyobrien@snet.net. These requests remain confidential to the Prayer Team. **PRAYERS AS PRINTED IN THE SUNDAY NOTICES** are assumed to be public information and should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

PRAYER TEAM, Wednesday, January 27th, 11 a.m. – Noon, in-person, Nursery
CHURCH COUNCIL/CONFERENCE/ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday, January 28th, 7 p.m.
via Zoom

"DINNER FOR A DOLLAR" serves *each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m.* Cook teams work 3 – 5:30 p.m. and serving teams serve 5:30 – 8 p.m. To assist, contact Marty Hartog: 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu. You can now sign up as a cook or server for Dinner for a \$ using Signup.com. Just click the link or copy into your address bar to volunteer to help at dinner for a dollar. We will send you a reminder of your commitment the week before you are to serve. Help feed families here in the Hamden Community through this important ministry!! <https://signup.com/go/LpLESwA>

NEXT SUNDAY, January 31ST, 2021, the message "With Authority" will be based on Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Mark 1:21-28. The liturgist will be Carol Galloway. Song Leader will be Sheldon Campbell and Special Musician will be Daniel Bodt.

THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY remains open year-round. Check it out in front of the church on Dixwell Avenue. To donate books (children's books as well as adult) of any genre or language, or Bibles, contact Kersten Moore at distrubedteacher@gmail.com / 203.935.6855 or Lisa Collins at collins11902@yahoo.com / 203.913.7961.

OUR INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM will gain us credit toward church office supplies. Please bring them during office hours, Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - Noon; or leave them in a bag outside the parking lot door at your convenience. Many thanks!

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS MUCH! Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or bring them during office hours, Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m. – Noon.

PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A NOTE to any of the folks below who either live alone, have care needs, or both. **This is the current list.** Megan Malanson is tracking these contacts. If you make one and would like to report that to Megan, please reach her at megmalanson@yahoo.com. If there is someone you think should be contacted by the pastor, please notify him at brianbodt@sbcglobal.net.

ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR WITH CARE NEEDS:

(Some opted not to be on this list: please contact Pastor with corrections.)

Bales, Mary, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518
Bogacki, Dorine, 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, 06492
Gursky, John, 1492 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Hartsoe, Lois, 5324 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Maynard, Sandy, 102B Treadwell Street, Hamden, 06514
Mayo, Elizabeth, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Apt. 213, Hamden, 06517
Morrison, Claudette and Jimmy, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
Pearson, Willette, 306 Forest Street Ext., Hamden, 06518
Raccio, Jean and Carmine, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405
Reynolds, Marianne, 656 Center Street, Apt. D208, Wallingford, 06492
Shaw, Rosemary, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515
Williams, Trudy, 41 West Helen Street, Hamden, 06514
Wycoff, Denise and Pieter, 135 Grandview Avenue, Hamden, 06514

OTHER WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION DURING THE PANDEMIC:

- Bring your "Cans for the Congo" during office hours or on Sundays.
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation.
- Pray for our church and governmental leaders and our Reopening Team.
- Serve at "Dinner for a Dollar" (take-out only). Contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu
- Check in by phone or send a note to someone home-bound or elderly.
- Continue to mail in your tithes and offerings.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Recovering from surgery: Lynn Brantley, Andy Dukanicz, Ellen Fong, Karen Sroka

Thanksgiving for healing: Christina Larrow

In the Hospital: Joyce Randolph, Anthony Moore's aunt,; Kathleen Welch, Bill's mother.

Continued prayers for:

Bishop Bickerton, Superintendent Sylvester, and all the pastors and congregations of the United Methodist New York Conference.

Our nation; President Biden and Vice-President Harris; and all elected officials.

John Sroka, radiation treatment.

The Rev. John Marsh, recovering with home therapy

John, partner of Marty Hartog's niece, recovering from being struck by a car

Jason Calabrese, Stacey Riccardi's brother, recovering from a stroke.

BIRTHDAYS: Edward Zorian 1/24, Marcus Brantley 1/26, Jean Raccio 2/4,
Jennifer Kirchoff 1/7

Jan. 17 ATTENDANCE: 5 (worship team only, no in-person worship)

41 on Zoom; 19 Program Views:

OFFERING: \$1,140; Human Relations \$55

WORSHIP HOSTS

	Today January 24 th	Next Sunday January 31 st
Liturgist	Carol Galloway	Bill Welch
Song Leader	Morgen Campbell	Sheldon Campbell
Special Musician	Sheldon Campbell	Daniel Bodt
Program Producer	George Joseph	George Joseph
Counters	Lynn Brantley Terri Bennett	Lynn Brantley Terri Bennett

Worship live Zoom at 10:15 a.m. Sundays
Sunday School for children at 9 a.m. on Zoom.
Adult Sunday School at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom.
Program view of worship later on Sunday.

Minister: All Congregation Members

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor
John Swingler, Music Minister
Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary
Bancroft Nicholson, Sr., Sexton

Church Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
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