

**PRAYING FOR OURSELVES,  
ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD**

**REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED BROTHER**

Our brother in Christ, Joe McMillan,  
we remember you with love and appreciation.

*Our brother, our hearts express our love and appreciation for you,  
for all you were, for all you did,  
for all the ways you touched our lives,  
for all the ways you provided careful and wise leadership  
to this church, to the United Church of Christ,  
and to Huston-Tillotson.*

We give thanks for the beauty we saw within you,  
the beauty of your heart—open and compassionate, tender and merciful;  
the beauty of your mind—open and inquisitive, sharp and wise;  
the beauty of your spirit—generous and easy-going, hospitable and kind;  
the beauty of your faith—deep and mature, expressed in word and deed.

*Our brother in Christ, Joe McMillan,  
we give thanks that you were one of us  
in those days you lived and breathed,  
those days you walked upon this earth,  
and we give thanks that you remain one of us now,  
in spirit, in our hearts, in the cloud of witnesses  
that continue to guide our lives and this church.  
Rest in peace, brother. In Christ, we pray. Amen.*

**PRAYING AS JESUS PRAYED**

(debts and debtors)

**RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT** *If Ye Love Me*

Tallis

**READING AND REFLECTING**

**READING FROM THE BIBLE**

Psalm 63: 1-8

**REFLECTING**

**ENTRUSTING OUR BELOVED BROTHER TO GOD**

Unison

Gracious God, by your mighty power, you gave us the gift of life,  
and through the living Christ, the gift of new life.

We now entrust our beloved brother, Joseph McMillan, into your merciful care.

We do so with the promise that we ourselves  
will continue to remember and honor his life,  
and that we will keep a space in our hearts, and in this church,  
for his spirit to live.

We do so in the name of Christ,  
who lived, died, and lives again in this time and place.

**SINGING A HYMN** *O God, Who Teaches Us to Live* *Black Hymnal 359*

**OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY**

**OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD**

Trio *Chaconne*

Handel

**\*PRAISING GOD**

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

**\*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD**

**DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*SINGING A HYMN** *For All the Saints*

Red Hymnal 306

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*SENDING SONG** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Black Hymnal 76

**\*PARTING WITH A SONG** *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In response to the rise of Islamophobia in our nation, our church is participating in the **Interfaith Action for Human Rights** banner project by hanging a banner that says, "We Stand With Our Muslim Neighbors."

The **rainbow stole** on the pulpit is in support of the struggle of all **LGBTQ** people for equity and justice, and for a life that is free from prejudice, intimidation, and violence.

Our **Adult Christian Education** group is studying the relationship between racism and our nation's criminal justice system. A listing of the readings for this study can be found at our church web site under the Ministry and Adult Ed links.

Our church's **Annual Meeting** will take place after worship next Sunday, **Sunday, January 28, 2017**. We will review our 2017 ministry, look ahead to 2018, and pass our budget for 2018. **PLEASE BRING A BAG LUNCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EAT DURING THE MEETING.** The Deacons will provide something to drink.

We will host an **interfaith dialogue** with the Dialogue Institute on the evening of **Thursday, February 15**. The question to be discussed: Why does God allow violence?

If you would like to do **Read from the Bible** during worship, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Tom at [revtomv@swbell.net](mailto:revtomv@swbell.net). And if you would like to submit a **liturgy or prayer** for use during worship, please contact Tom.

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Trustees, Wed, February 7, 7:15 pm

Deacons, Wed, February 14, 7:15 pm, Joy Penticuff's

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Jo Jensen  
Fellowship Host The Deacons

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Middle School and High School Students** remain in the service the first Sunday of each month; other Sundays their Sunday School begins after the Choral Anthem.

**Elementary Sunday School** is held during the 11:00 am service, immediately following "Time With Children." The children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Christian Education room, and can be picked up from there after the service.

**Infant and Toddler Care** is available throughout the service in the Nursery.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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**January 21, 2018**  
**The Season of Epiphany**



## GATHERING

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angles, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Romans 8: 37-39

## WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

## SHARING OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio "Adagio" from *Trio in Bb Major*

Beethoven

## GATHERING WITH SONG *In God Alone*

Taize #19

## \*GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

We gather within the power of Christ's love,  
knowing nothing can ever separate us from Christ,  
nothing in life, not even death.

*We gather within the power of Christ's love,  
knowing nothing can separate us from one another,  
nothing in life, not even death.*

We give thanks for the life we share,  
and for the bond of love that unites us as the church,  
for as long as we breathe the breath of life.

*And we give thanks for the lives of those who've died,  
and for the bond of love that enables their spirits  
to remain united with us in this church.*

## \*SINGING A HYMN *There's a Spirit in the Air*

Black Hymnal 294