

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Our Community Gathers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Ellie Wells*

**\*Call to Worship** (*\*you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received.

**ALL: We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worth of our calling.**

Leader: In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.

**ALL: Establish us to be places of refreshment.**

Leader: Root us and nurture us in love, that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you.

**ALL: Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen**

**Invocation**

*Ellie Wells*

**\*Opening Hymn**

**‘Joy to the World’**

*vs. 2 & 3*

*Ch #143*

**Old Testament Reading**

**Psalm 147 (12-20)**

*Ellie Wells*

**Prayer Preparation**

**‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’** (*chorus*)

*Ch #148*

**Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Community Hears the Word and Responds**

**Our Word of Life**

***Zechariah 4: 1-10 (pg. 881 OT)***

**Morning Message**

*Rev. Marylou Wilkinson*

***“Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by my Spirit, Says The Lord”***

**Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table**

*We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.*

**Communion**

**‘Of the Father’s Love Begotten’**

*CH #104*

*vs. 1 & 3*

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. *You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

**Prayer of Offering and Dedication**

*Ellie Wells*

**Faithful God, Bless us to be a ministry of showing hospitality to others. We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen**

**\*Sending Song**

**‘Go Tell it on the Mountain’**

*Ch #167*

*Blessing*

*Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide with you always. Amen*

***‘Our Worship has ended - - -  
Now our Service to God begins!’***

Scripture for Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Old Testament reading: *Isaiah 42: 1-9*

New Testament reading: *Matthew 3: 13-17*

*Shut-ins*

*Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound:*

*Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Bev Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those who can't be with us on Sundays.*

*Socks for Seniors*

*We met our **goal of 200 socks** that will go to the Area Agency on Aging to help provide "Socks For Seniors" in Ashland, Richland and Marion County nursing homes. Thanks for your support!*

*Please Welcome!*

*Please make our **guest speaker, Marylou Wilkinson**, feel welcome this morning. Marylou is a child of God. She has been married to Bruce Wilkinson for 35 years. They have 4 adult children. She graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2009 and was ordained in 2010. Marylou has been serving the Lord in the Ashland area for 22 years. Her heart is to lead and share in the joyful witness of God's children coming to know Jesus personally.*

*Sign up for Communion Prep*

*There is a sign-up sheet for **communion prep** in the gathering room. This entails making up the communion and bread trays and cleaning them up following worship. Neither of which takes long. Thank you for your willingness to serve.*

***Belmont Service today 2:00.** You are welcome to join us!  
(New Chapel at Belmont Towers)*

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