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8:30 AM

GATHERING SONGS

*Sing a New Song
Come, Now Is the Time To Worship*

GREETINGS & CONCERNS

Kathy Light

PRELUDE The light of Christ is brought into the sanctuary

CHILD DEDICATION

***HYMN** (*please stand, if you are able) *Child of the Water*

*PASTORAL PRAYER

(Our elder will conclude by leading us all in the Lord's Prayer:)

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Terry Pickering

Following this, our children are invited to the fellowship hall for age appropriate faith-building activities.

SERMON TEXT

Carol Horner, Carol McCreery

Luke 5:1-11 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

CHOIR ANTHEM*"Like A River That Overflows***SERMON**

Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John

*Teach Them About Deep Water***HYMN****321***Break Thou the Bread of Life***OFFERING*****DOXOLOGY****46****OFFERING DEDICATION****COMMUNION PRAYERS**

(loaf) Cheryl Girman

(cup) Lonnie Steele

WORDS OF INSTITUTIONRev. Victoria Ubben
Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John**COMMUNION**

*As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the
Lord's table as God has welcomed us.*

Identity Statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Please eat the bread & drink the cup as they come to you

MEDITATION

(for quiet contemplation if you wish)

John 6:30-35 They asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

HYMN

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Wonderful Words of Life

If you wish to join our congregational family, please come forward at the start of this hymn and sit in front where an elder will assist you. Membership is based on baptism if you were not baptized elsewhere, and this one question: *Do you believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God; and do you accept him as Lord and Savior of your life?*

BENEDICTION

***CLOSING SONG**

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(The light of Christ is carried out into the world!)

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER TIME

An elder or minister would love to join you for prayer at the communion table as others leave.



*Thank you Thelma and Steve Ashbaugh for being
our substitute greeters this morning!*

Youth Encounter Tonight

Our youth and interested others will meet at church tonight at 5:15. We'll drive to Central Christian in Merrillville for the monthly "Youth Encounter" worship service (and light meal) with several multi-cultural churches in the area. We'll be back by 9:00.

Circles Will Meet at the First of the Month

Many of the circles that took a break for December and January will resume again the first of February! Mark your calendars.

Men's Dinner This Tuesday, February 2

Bill Eckert will make sauerkraut & pork, mashed potatoes, and dessert for the Men's Dinner at 6:30 this Tuesday. He has also arranged for Dave Czekaj and Dale Price to give a brief talk and demonstration on energy efficiency. All men are invited.

Worship Team Meets Thursday

The Worship Team meets this Thursday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 7, is Boy Scout Sunday!

We'll celebrate the 100th anniversary of scouting and the Superbowl with a luncheon next Sunday (the youth will also collect "Super-Bowl" money for the food pantry that day).

Youth: A "Battle of the Bands" Is Coming!

On Saturday, February 20th, from 5 - 9 PM at the Porter County Expo Center, there will be a "Battle of the Bands." This fund raiser for Valparaiso's drug prevention and treatment programs is aimed at middle school ages and up. Admission is \$5.00.

Join Us For Presidents' Weekend Ski Trip

Some of our youth and other members will be going to Wisconsin for Presidents' Day weekend. It will cost about \$140 per person for equipment and lift tickets, plus \$20 for group meals, plus whatever you want to spend for one meal on the road there and another on the way back. The youth group will pay for lodging and transportation. See John or Becky Springsteen for details.