

February 5th, 2012
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



The Federated Church of Paxton

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

Opening Prayer

Isaiah 40

*Prelude *"Wondrous Love"*

Johnson

*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Opening Hymn *"Sing Praise to God Who Sings Above"*

PH, #483

* Call to Worship *(responsively)*

Isaiah 40

One: Lift up your eyes to the witness of the earth.

All: God's presence is here, in the plants and the trees.

One: Lift up your eyes to the canvas of the heavens.

All: God's praises are proclaimed by the stars above.

One: Lift up your eyes to the love of God.

All: God's grace abounds, in the courage of the weak and the strength of the downtrodden.

One: Lift up your voices to join in the song.

All: It is good to sing praise to our Creator God!

Youth Moment

Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

Offertory *"Amazing Grace"*

Haan

*Hymn *"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (one verse)*

PH, #428

*Prayer of Dedication

Isaiah 40, Psalm 147

Lectionary Scripture *Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23;*

Anthem *"You Are My Rock"*

Michael T. Pierce

Gospel *Mark 1:29-39*

Message

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Isaiah 40

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. Have we not known? Have we not heard? From the beginning, you have created and are creating. When we have not known or heard, when we have forgotten or neglected your truth, you have redeemed us and renewed us. From the earth's first gardens to mountaintop storms, you have spoken to us and entrusted us to be your people. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed your covenant with us. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, Christ continues to reveal your presence even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness. In Christ's grace, we renew our strength and rise up with wings like eagles. As children of your new covenant, sealed by water the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced weakness and fear, and shared it with friends and betrayers, disciples and deniers alike.

Communion Prayer

Isaiah 40

***Closing Hymn** *"May the God of Hope"*

PH, #596

***TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***Benediction**

Isaiah 40, Mark 1

One: Renewed and strengthened, let us go forth with faith and hope.

***Postlude** *"Epilogue"*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, February 5th

Communion Sunday

February Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Hour after worship

Wednesday, February 8th

Confirmation-6pm/Youth Group-7pm/Choir Practice-7pm

Monday, February 13th

Church Council Meeting ~ 6:30pm in the Church Basement

Wednesday, February 15th

Confirmation-6pm/Youth Group-7pm/Choir Practice-7pm

Thursday, February 16th

Presbytery Meeting in Champaign, 10am - 4pm

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm at Pastor Colleen's Home

Birthdays & Anniversaries

 **February** 

3rd - Russ & Nancy Taylor Ann.

6th - Eric Funk

9th - Laura Adkins

25th - Robin Niewold

26th - Kathy Swan

Greeters **L**iturgists **U**shers **E**lders

February

Alan & Georgia Turner

Red & Laura Adkins

Kelly Williams

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing
and faith for these friends and family members***

Marcella Woodworth; Wayne Niewold;

Jeff Legener; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Wayne Niewold - Heartland Healthcare, Paxton

Sue Moore - 1115 Harbers Lane, Apt 132, Metamora, IL 61548

Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

**For the month of February, please bring *canned vegetables, noodles,
peanut butter, & cereal* for the Food Pantry.**

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.