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**We are an Inclusive Faith Community.**

**All Are Welcomed and All Really Means ALL!**

Sunday, February 11th, 2024, 10am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Second Sunday of Black History Month



*“Truth is powerful, and it prevails”* – **Sojourner Truth.**

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Worship Notes:

**PRELUDE**

Greeting and Reply

Opening Hymn: **“I Must Tell Jesus” (AAH-375)**

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;

I cannot bear these burdens alone;

In my distress He kindly will help me;

He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain:

I must tell Jesus!

I must tell Jesus!

I cannot bear my burdens alone;

I must tell Jesus!

I must tell Jesus!

Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;

He is a kind, compassionate friend;

If I but ask Him, He will deliver,

Make of my troubles quickly an end. [Refrain]

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,

One who can help my burdens to bear;

I must tell Jesus; I must tell Jesus;

He all my cares and sorrows will share. [Refrain]

O how the world to evil allures me!

O how my heart is tempted to sin!

I must tell Jesus, and He will help me

Over the world the vict'ry to win. [Refrain]

**Our Church’s Mission:**

Welcome all into a loving, inclusive faith community,

Seeking to live out the teachings of Jesus,

Building on our own rich history, actively exploring beliefs and assumptions, and Promoting justice, peace and spiritual growth.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One:  Let us pray for the poor.

**Many: For theirs is the kingdom of God.**

One:   Let us pray for those who are hungry now;

**Many: For they will be filled.**

One:  Let us pray for those who weep:

**Many: For they will laugh.**

One:  Let us pray for the despised and excluded;

**Many: For in that day, they shall leap for joy, for surely their reward is great in heaven.**

### Hebrew Reading: Psalm 50:1-6

*The mighty one, God the Lord,  
    speaks and summons the earth  
    from the rising of the sun to its setting.****2****Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
    God shines forth.*

***3****Our God comes and does not keep silent;  
    before him is a devouring fire  
    and a mighty tempest all around him.****4****He calls to the heavens above  
    and to the earth, that he may judge his people:****5****“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
    who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”****6****The heavens declare his righteousness,  
    for God himself is judge.*

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-30

*Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.****23****And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,****24****but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.****25****And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.****26****But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.****27****But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”*

***28****Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”****29****He said, “Come.” So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.****30****But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”*

*Reader: The word of God, for the people of God.*

***All: Thanks be to God!***

INVOCATION

Worship & Praise through Music

Passing the Peace of Christ

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Singing) **(Green Hymnal-740)**

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 **(Debts),** as we forgive those who trespass against us **(Debtors).** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Announcements

Offering

Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above the heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!** *(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost)*

Sermonic Hymn: **“In the Garden Alone” (W&R-300)**

 I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

### MESSAGE: Go for the Impossible- Matthew 14:30-33

**31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”**

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD: **“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult (W & R-345)**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us--by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Three-Minute Suggestion:

Please spend the first three minutes with someone who is relatively new to our church family, or new to you. Get to know them like a friend might! THEN take some time with longtime friends. Thanks!

WORSHIP CONTINUES IN FELLOWSHIP:

*Coffee and Connections is hosted by Frances Fraelich*

*Monthly Budget: $10,000.00*

*Weekly Giving:*

*2/4/24: $2,695.00*

*Remaining February Budget: $7,305.00*

*MONDAY: 02/12*

*AA Group- 6:30pm*

*Event Space Committee- 6:30pm*

*TUESDAY: 02/13*

*~~Journey Singers and Musicians—5:45pm~~*

*Fastnacht Dinner- 6:15pm*

*Handbell Practice—7pm*

*AA Living Sober – 7:30pm*

*Woodwinds Rehearsal- 8pm*

*WEDNESDAY: 02/13*

*AA - 8pm*

*THURSDAY: 02/14*

*Happy Valentine’s Day*

*AA Meeting – 7:30pm*

*FRIDAY: 02/15*

*AA Meeting (Men’s) – 8pm*

*SATURDAY: 02/16*

*February:*

*02/11/24—Souper Bowl Food Pantry Fundraiser (Bring cash!)*

*02/13/24—Fastnacht Dinner*

*02/14/24—Ash Wednesday: 6pm Supper; 7pm Worship—Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC*

*02/21/24—7pm Lenten Service—Methacton Mennonite*

*02/22/24—1pm (TimeOut Skippack) and 6:30pm (Wentz’s UCC): Book and a Beverage; Part 2 of “Weird Church”*

*02/28/24—7pm Lenten Service—Bethel Hill United Methodist*

*Ongoing:*

*If you would like to schedule time with Rev either in-person or zoom, please contact Mike via email to be placed on his calendar.* [*office@wentzsucc.org*](mailto:office@wentzsucc.org) *Evenings appointments are available.*

*Bring a friend with you next Sunday!*

*Take them out to lunch! Have a better day!*

Wentz’s UCC

Open & Affirming Statement:

We are Wentz’s United Church of Christ, an open and affirming congregation, where your identity and being are cherished. We respectfully welcome all without exception, including those of all races, ethnicities, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and family structures. Together we create an open and active community. Everyone is invited to walk with us in our journey. You are welcome here. Whomever, wherever, at all times.

You. Are. Simply. Welcomed.

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