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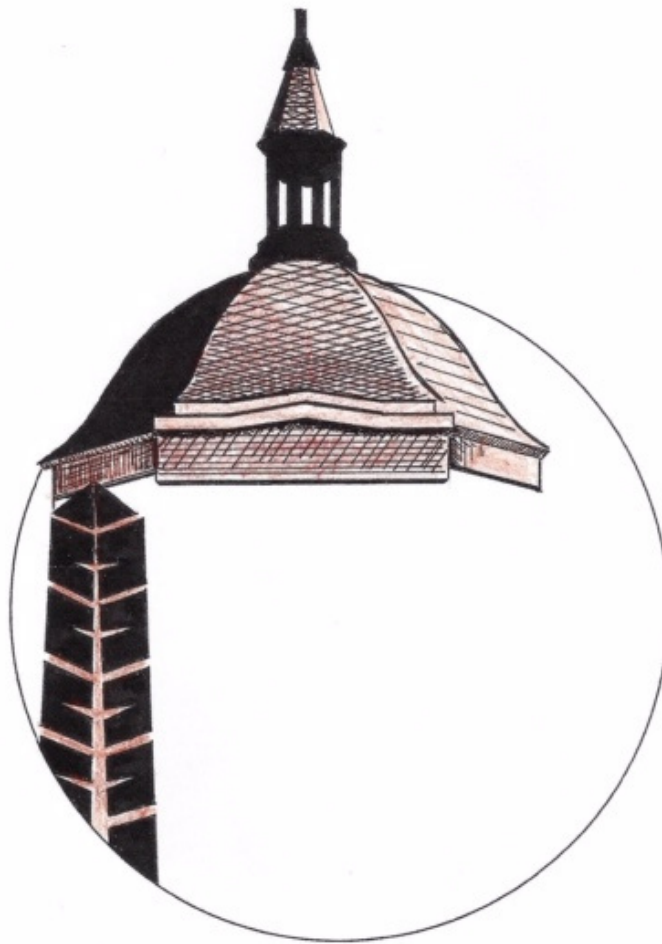
*beautiful belonging*

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.



Ken McLeskey, *Body*

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Max Drischner

GREETING

Amy Stertz

INVOCATION

We lift our hearts one voice as we pray,  
**Glorious God, we come together as your people.**  
**We come as a praising people, singing your goodness;**  
**we come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys;**  
**we come as a listening people, opening to your Word.**  
**Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 686

*God Made from One Blood*

ST. DENIO

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 111

Leah Brown

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**  
Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.  
**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
**He has shown his people the power of his works,**  
**in giving them the heritage of the nations.**  
The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.  
**They are established forever and ever,**  
**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**  
He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.  
**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**  
**all those who practice it have a good understanding.**  
**His praise endures forever.**

\*SHARING PEACE

PROCLAIMING

*HYMN OF FAITH 241	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	MANNA
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Emily Floyd
	The word of God for the people of God.	
	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
SERMON	“The Conscientious Care of Christ’s Body”	Mack Dennis
ANTHEM	<i>Beside a Stream of Living Water</i>	Thomas Keesecker

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER		Casey Callahan
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE 272	<i>They’ll Know We Are Christians</i>	ST. BRENDAN’S
OFFERTORY SENTENCES	<i>Via Karis: Body</i>	Ken Merritt
OFFERTORY	<i>The Peace May Be Exchanged (Rubrics)</i>	Dan Locklair
*DOXOLOGY 707	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	OLD 100TH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Christie Dresback
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	Douglas Wagner
	*Those who are able please stand.	

We welcome all guests worshiping with us today. Learning experiences for preschool children and infants are offered during the worship hour in the children's building. Large print bulletins and hymns, and enhanced hearing aids are available for use in this service.

The season of Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus.

This morning's art is Ken McLeskey's *Body*, 2018. Ken is a church member and local artist who designed the Via Karis artwork.

Leaders in worship include Deacon of the Week Christie Dresback and guest organist Timothy Wissler.

The flowers today are in memory of Colette Mary Parker, given by Bill and Anne Parker and family.

Beside a Stream of Living Water by Nancy Kraft  
*Beside a stream of living water stands a tree of God's blessed people.  
It's roots run deep, from those before us. It grows by grace, the love of God abounding.*

*So many rings, a living history, some are thin from years of struggle,  
some circle wide from times of plenty. It grows by grace, the love of God abounding.*

*The branches soar beyond the steeple, leaves as varied as it's people;  
so many gifts and yet one body. It grows by grace, the love of God abounding.*

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Mr. Tate Addis

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Rev. Leah Brown

Pastor of Congregational Care

Dr. Casey Callahan

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Dr. Mack Dennis

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Mrs. Emily Floyd

Pastor of Music and Worship

Rev. Amy Stertz

Pastor of Christian Formation and Children

