



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 31, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

*I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creature through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.*

*There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.*

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" - words by Isaac Watts; music, trad. English melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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†AFFIRMATION

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

"Glory be to the Father" - words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke CCLI #1550924

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gather By the River to Pray

arr. by Pepper Choplin

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;
music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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†HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH 141

*1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely to his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.*

*2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.*

*3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.*

*4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.*

"Children of the Heavenly Father" - words by Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, trans. by Ernst W. Olson; music Swedish melody
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†SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 20:1-8a; 18-21

¹In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the Lord, and sat down before me. ²And the word of the Lord came to me: ³Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be consulted by you. ⁴Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, ⁵and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God. ⁶On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. ⁷And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. ⁸But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

¹⁸I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not follow the statutes of your parents, nor observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols. ¹⁹I the Lord am your God; follow my statutes, and be careful to observe my ordinances, ²⁰and hallow my sabbaths that they may be a sign between me and you, so that you may know that I the Lord am your God. ²¹But the children rebelled against me; they did not follow my statutes, and were not careful to observe my ordinances, by whose observance everyone shall live; they profaned my sabbaths. Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the wilderness.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

20:21 — Rebel/Repent

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

UMH 351

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.*

*Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.*

*Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace.*

Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" - words by Frances J. Crosby; music by William H. Doane CCLI #1550924

†BENEDCITION

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ever felt drawn to help lead worship? We're looking for volunteers to serve as Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings. Assistants will help the worship staff lead services by, among other things, offering prayers, reading Scripture, and assisting in liturgical acts like Communion and baptisms. If you're interested in serving in this way, email Pastor Trey (treym@whitehouseumc.com) or Worship Committee Chair Beth Clifton (bethclifton19@yahoo.com).

It's time to start planning summer activities! Our children and youth groups are planning to go to Lakeview Summer Camp July 5-9, and our youth group will be going to Texarkana for UM ARMY June 20-26. If you know a student who would like to attend either of these events, let them know, and have their family contact Pastor Trey for details on how to get registered.

The Church Council will have its first meeting of 2021 today following the conclusion of this worship service. The Council will meet in Friendship Hall to allow for adequate social distancing. Council meetings are open to the public, but only members of the Council can vote. Those members are:

Pastor: Trey Burns	Council Chair: Richard Lavender	Secretary: Pat Lavender
Treasurer: Ernie LaFlure	Finance Chair: Jennie Schmidt	SPRC Char: David Dupree
Trustees Chair: Tom Campbell	Young-Adult Rep: Jessie Montgomery	Youth Rep: Josh Green

SPRC will be meeting on Monday, February 1, at 7:00pm in Conner Hall. Members who wish to attend virtually can use the Zoom access information that was sent out to committee members this weekend.

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PRAYER LIST

The Weavers	The Loros	Michael Robinson	Harold Marshall
Sandra Walton	Brenda Caps	Betty Garner	Bert Gardner
Gaige Hendley	Lauren Lawler	Cindy North	Kelly Kea
Kristen Longfellow	Guy De LaMarter	Teresa Mitchum Hughes	Paul Rider
Janice Dupree	Joyce Bammes	The Lintners	Hannah Dintelman
Jason Krob	Luke Shaeffer	Gene Ruelle	Our Community
Ryan Baron	Bobbie Akers	Bri Benoit	First Responders
The Wilkes	Our Country	Matt Lockwood	Our elected officials
Our Schools	Members of our military	Our church family	

We continue to pray for the family and loved ones of Geno Loro, who passed away on January 23, particularly for his wife, Nora, and his daughter, Jennie Schmidt.

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