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January 17, 2021

**“Get Ready to dream big”**

11am Order of Worship & Praise

Memorial Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3215 Douglas Road Toledo, Ohio

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### Gathering in His Place

**Welcome & Greeting**—*Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger*

P. May the grace of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ be with you. **C. And also with you.**

**Opening Song “Make Me Lord, a Dreamer for Your Kingdom”** (Marantha #90)

*Make me, Lord, a dreamer for Your kingdom  
Plant in my heart heavenly desires  
Grant faith that can say, impossibilities shall be  
And vision lest a world should perish not knowing Thee*

*Make me, Lord, a dreamer for Your kingdom  
I would aspire to greater goals in God  
So cause faith to rise, to motivate each word and deed  
A faith that's well convinced that Jesus meets every need*

*Make me, Lord, a dreamer for Your kingdom  
Dreams that will change a world that's lost its way  
May dreams that first found their birth in Your omnipotence  
Come alive in me, becoming reality*

### **Kyrie & Gloria**

#### **Kyrie**

*Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.*

*Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out Your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.*

*Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!*

### **Glory Be to God**

*Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt You, we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before You; here on earth our song we raise.*

*Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, You have come from heav'n above;  
On the cross You died to save us; now You reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in Your promise firm we stand.*

*Holy One we now acclaim You; Lord alone, to You we call;  
Holy One in faith we name You, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on High.*

### **Opening Prayer** (Felicia Page—Assistant)

A. Father, we feel that my life is needing Your direction more and more. We need a divine 'vision' of You, a godly understanding of You and a deeper relationship with You. Lord, we want to know You more and love You better.

**C. At times We feel that my Christian life has just been scratching the surface of Who You are and we long to be like Job, who said, "I have heard about You with my ears, but now I see You with my eyes." He saw You with his spiritual eyes of understanding, and Lord, I desire to have that intimate vision of You too, although I shrink back from having to go through the difficulties and trials that Job had to experience.**

A. Give us that inner vision of Yourself we pray. Your character, Your Person, Your love, and draw me ever closer to Yourself, so that I too may say, "my ears have heard all about You but now I have a vision of Who You truly are." This we ask in Jesus' name, **C. Amen.**

## Word is Alive Among Us

**Readings** (*Reader—Gary Edwards*)

### **Proverbs 18:1-25**

For people who hate discipline and only get more stubborn, there'll come a day when life tumbles in and they break, but by then it'll be too late to help them. When good people run things, everyone is glad, but when the ruler is bad, everyone groans. If you love wisdom, you'll delight your parents, but you'll destroy their trust if you run with whores. A leader of good judgment gives stability; an exploiting leader leaves a trail of waste. A flattering neighbor is up to no good; he's probably planning to take advantage of you. Evil people fall into their own traps; good people run the other way, glad to escape. The good-hearted understand what it's like to be poor; the hardhearted haven't the faintest idea. A gang of cynics can upset a whole city; a group of sages can calm everyone down. A sage trying to work things out with a fool gets only scorn and sarcasm for his trouble. Murderers hate honest people; moral folks encourage them. A fool lets it all hang out; a sage quietly mulls it over. When a leader listens to malicious gossip, all the workers get infected with evil. The poor and their abusers have at least something in common: they can both see—their sight, GOD's gift! Leadership gains authority and respect when the voiceless poor are treated fairly. Wise discipline imparts wisdom; spoiled adolescents embarrass their parents. When degenerates take charge, crime runs wild, but the righteous will eventually observe their collapse. Discipline your children; you'll be glad you did—they'll turn out delightful to live with. If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. It takes more than talk to keep workers in line; mere words go in one ear and out the other. Observe the people who always talk before they think—even simpletons are better off than they are. If you let people treat you like a doormat, you'll be quite forgotten in the end. Angry people stir up a lot of discord; the intemperate stir up trouble. Pride lands you flat on your face; humility prepares you for honors. Befriend an outlaw and become an enemy to yourself. When the victims cry out, you'll be included in their curses if you're a coward to their cause in court. The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in GOD protects you from that.

Everyone tries to get help from the leader, but only GOD will give us justice. Good people can't stand the sight of deliberate evil; the wicked can't stand the sight of well-chosen goodness.

### **Habakkuk 2:1-3**

What's God going to say to my questions? I'm braced for the worst. I'll climb to the lookout tower and scan the horizon. I'll wait to see what God says, how he'll answer my complaint.

And then GOD answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.

## **Gospel Verse**

**C. Seek Ye First the kingdom of God and His righteous. Then all these things shall be added to you. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

### **Matthew 6:33**

“If **God** gives such attention to **the** appearance **of** wildflowers—most **of** which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to **God’s giving**. People who don’t know **God** and **the** way he works fuss over **these** things, but you know both **God** and how he works. Steep your life in **God**-reality, **God**-initiative, **God**-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

**Children’s Message**—*Leslie Rhegness*

**Pastor’s Message “Get”**—*Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger*

**Song** *"Para Donde Vas?"*

Para dónde vas	Where are you going
Para dónde vas	Where are you going
Para dónde vas, dónde vas	Where are you going, where ya going
Para dónde vas	Where are you going
Para dónde vas	Where are you going
Para dónde vas, dónde vas	Where are you going, where ya going
Si vas al baile, baila conmigo	If you go to the dance, dance with me
Si vas al iglesia quiero ir contigo	If you go to church I want to go with you
Si vas a donde quiera	If you go where you want
No me quedo atrás	I am not left behind
Porque quiero amarte	Because I want to love you
Más y más	More and more
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## Meal for Forgiveness and Unity

### **Great Thanksgiving**—*Intern Pastor Rebecca West-Estell*

R: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

R: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

R: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in memory of Me.

R: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in memory of Me.

### **Communion Prayer**

A. Bless us O Lord with these gifts of bread and wine, body and blood, to fulfill us and lead us in our life. Amen.

## Response to What God has Done

### **Prayers of the People**

A: Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need. [*A brief silence.*]

A: For those in our Community of Faith: Bishop Beaudoin and staff, Bishop Eaton and staff, Memorial Church Staff, Student Katie Leslie, Intern Rebecca West-Estell, Monroe Corridor Parish, Hope Learning Academy teachers and families and all teachers and students in all schools, and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of the earth as we begin another year entrusted with its care. Give us lively imaginations to see ways to conserve its limited resources, harness its renewable energies, and conform ourselves to its natural goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For peace among nations, for peace in our homes, and for peace in our hearts. Urge us to cry out at injustice and inequality among your people until vindication comes and righteousness prevails. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For our military personnel: Ryan Woods, Henry Kozak, Dustin Pawloski, and Reid Leslie; guard their lives and keep them safe, Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For our **homebound**: Dotty Sauer, Claudia Sauer, Bob Rank, Kathy Schoembs, Sam Schlegel, Phyllis Ballas, Joanne Hummel, Doris Buchholz (hospice care), Pat Reiber; and those who are in need of **healing**: Alice Crandell, Betty Seagart's son, Donald Dotson, Eli Loga, Dick Zaborski, Chris Witzel, Kathy Schaefer, Jess Weber (great grandson of Judy & Ken Schwieder), Ken Schwieder, Afaf Barakat, Brenda Facey, Cindy Bunch, Katie Maly, Sheila MacKay Davidson, Marcene Jackson, Leslie Bean, Don Gurwell, Diane Swartz, Dave Gilbert, Char Bachmayer, Diane Denhof, Fred Schaefer, Michael Curtis, and all suffering with Covid 19; Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For those grieving the loss of friends and family; especially Afaf - whos sister passed away in Lebanon, the families of John Vance, Oscar Bunch, Walt Carlson (Sandy Goodnough's brother), Marie Wenzlick (Teresa Loga's aunt), Mary Elwer (Teresa Loga's great aunt). Only you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world. **C: Amen.**

### **The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living 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.**

### **Announcements**

#### **[Sent into the world to Tell](#)**

**Benediction—*Intern Pastor Rebecca West-Estell***

**P. The Lord bless and keep you today and always. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. C. Amen.**

**Closing Song “Be Thou My Vision” (ELW#793)**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**Dismissal**

A. Go in peace, tell the story. **C. Thanks be to God.**

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