

Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory Jeremy Kurn

*Doxology Hymn #607
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here
below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)
God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Closing Hymn #339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

SENDING IN GOD’S LOVE

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response Surely the Presence
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and
His grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings. I see glory on each face. Surely
the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude Jeremy Kurn

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for the Lord’s Day

January 16, 2022 ~ 10:00 am

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10785 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80234 ~ 303-452-5478

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer for the Day

O God, we are grateful that you have inspired men and women in all nations and in all cultures. We call you different names: some call you Allah; some call you Elohim; some call you Jehovah; some call you Brahma; some call you the Unmoved Mover. But we know that these are all names for one and the same God. Grant that we will follow you and become so committed to your way and your kingdom that we will be able to establish in our lives and in this world a brother and sisterhood, that we will be able to establish here a kingdom of understanding, where women and men will live together as sisters and brothers and respect the dignity and worth of every human being. In the name and spirit of Jesus. Amen. ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Gathering Music Jeremy Kurn

Words of Welcome Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit Jeremy Kurn

*Call to Worship Liturgist Joyce Matthews
One: God created all the races and nations of the world and willed that we live together in peace and harmony.
All: **We were made to be family.** (continued)

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.
Parts with an **asterisk *** mean that all are to stand in body or in spirit.

One: There is strife in the human family; injustice abounds as racism, classism, sexism, cultural imperialism and other “-isms.” We are a divided people.

All: We have been called to let justice roll down like waters.

One: We must work passionately to bridge the gulf between us, overcome the injustices that oppress us, and restore community among us.

All: We must be determined enough to change what we can. We must have the courage to accept what we cannot change. Above all, we must be wise enough to know the difference. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #637 *O Sing to the Lord*

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Sheri Fry

Still-speaking God, we give thanks to you for the prophets of the past, but we confess your modern-day messengers make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, God, and disturb us.

Send your Spirit among us, that we may hear your Word for us, in the words of our scripture,

in the whispers of our hearts, in the warnings of your prophets, and in the weeping of the world. Amen

*Assurance of God’s Love

*Response of Praise *He Came Down that We Might Have Love (v. 1 & 2)*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Joyce Matthews

Be light to our path.

Be hope to our world.

Be born in our hearts again this year.

Amen.

First Lesson

Lamentations 3:21-26

Joyce Matthews

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem	<i>AMEN</i>	The Chancel Choir
	Traditional African-American Spiritual	
Second Lesson	2 Timothy 1: 3-5	Rev. Joseph Moore
Sermon	<i>The Stories We Tell</i>	Rev. Joseph Moore
Moment of Silent Reflection		

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Joyce Matthews

We believe that our spiritual invitation is to follow the example of Jewish teacher, Palestinian refugee and poor person, Jesus: to live in community; to share our resources; to centralize the stories of poor people, children, and people of marginalized genders; to turn power structures on their heads. We honor all teachers who show us how to defy abusive structures and how to co-create expansive ways of living.

We believe that liberation is experienced through our bodies and that our liberation is bound up with one another’s. We believe in access to healthcare, to safety, to a home, to nourishing food, and to clean water for all people and creatures. We believe in joy, play, rest, dance, pleasure, creativity, tenderness, and shared abundance. We believe that God – Faithful Advocate, blessed interdependence, Great Mystery, Holy Becoming – is with us, is in us, and moves between us. We believe that resurrection is both a gritty spiritual practice and something that happens without our effort, as a gift, as the seasons change. We believe that all beings are worthy of flourishing. Amen.

Call to Prayer Jeremy Kurn

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Sheri Fry

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 debts as we forgive our 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.

AURORA **GUN** 1-16-22
DRIVE THRU
REMAIN IN
VEHICLE
BUYBACK

TRADE YOUR GUNS IN FOR \$ VISA CARD\$ ON THE SPOT!
\$100 FOR SINGLE SHOT GUNS • \$200 FOR HANDGUNS & SEMIAUTOMATICS
\$300 FOR ASSAULT STYLE GUNS
HOMEMADE GUNS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR \$\$ BUT CAN BE DESTROYED AT EVENT

1 - 3 PM • SUNDAY, JAN 16, 22

10700 E. EVANS AVE, AURORA, 80014
@ Mountain View United Church parking lot



Surrendered guns will be cut into pieces at the event
& later made into garden tools and jewelry

BRING GUNS
UNLOADED
IN BACK SEAT
OR TRUNK

ALSO!! Speaker Sharletta Evans
from Colorado Crime Survivors Network
@ 6th Ave United Church 10-11am



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Opportunities This Week

Today - Class on Legacy Giving following worship
with Rev. Joseph Moore

Monday - Martin Luther King Day - office closed
Men's Shed 10 am - noon
Bell Choir 6:10 - 7:45 pm

Tuesday - Session Meeting 4 pm

Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Thursday - Sometimes Circle 1:00 pm

Saturday - Food Bank open 9 am - Noon

ESL Classes will not meet until February due to COVID concerns.

Opportunities Later This Month

January 23rd - Annual Congregational Meeting following
worship

Hope



Your Church at Work

FOOD BANK

Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 11:45 am
Third Saturday of the month 9 am - 12 pm.
Need donations of toilet paper, bar soap, and dry pet food.



The Food Bank would also like to have a few backpacks (new or gently used) for our homeless clients. See Becky Van Dyke.

Christmas Stockings for Our Food Bank Clients

A heartfelt thank-you to all of our congregation for your overwhelming support for our first ever Stocking Drive! It did make a significant impact on each of our clients. Many smiled, shed a few tears of joy, and graciously thanked us for the gifts during a difficult year. We couldn't have distributed so many stockings without all of your love and support of this project!



The Mission Committee distributed 269 stockings in all. We completely ran out of stockings on 12/21/21. *In total we gave 120 stockings for children from birth to 17 years old. 149 stockings were distributed to adults (which included senior citizens).*

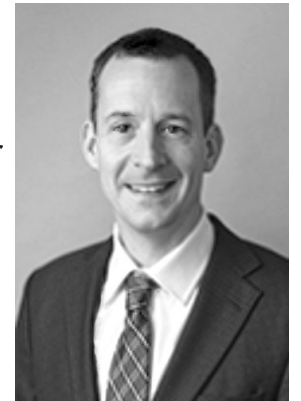
Thank-you all for your generosity! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you all!

Joys and Concerns



Please pray for those dealing with health issues: for Marion H.; Jim M.; Bill L.; Jane; Haylee; Jason; Gil; Tammy Vaugh; and Maxine; for all those grieving the loss of loved ones: for Jean Cook's family; Burton Kugler's family; the McCarron family; and the Coleman family; and for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Rev. Joseph Moore serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the South Central Region for the Presbyterian Foundation. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.



"I am convinced that the Spirit is at work in our Church and stories of hope and faithfulness are the cornerstone of effective ministry and stewardship," said Joseph. "I am excited to walk with congregations as they explore innovative and effective ways to tell their stories, and to use the expertise and resources of the Presbyterian Foundation to help support their mission and ministry."

Prior to joining the Foundation, Joseph served as pastor at several churches in Texas and Colorado. In addition to his work at the Foundation, he recently served as moderator of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. He is a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Trinity University (TX). He and his wife Shelley live in Ft. Collins, CO with their three children, Micah, Liam, and Hettie.