

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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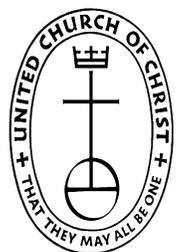
“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement



“It’s not only what is said that matters, but also the (person) who says it.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Ethics*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Jackie Parrill, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Piano: Patsy Farmer
Special Music: Mary Miller and Susie Hatch





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Ringling of the Bell

Prelude *Here I Am to Worship/Worship the King* (arr. Tornquist)

Welcome

Special Music *This Little Light of Mine (unknown) I Saw the Light (Williams)*
Performed by Mary Miller and Susie Hatch

Call to worship

Leader: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

People: **Darkness has been banished!**

Leader: God's light of hope floods the earth

People: **God's light comes to us all.**

Leader: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

People: **Prepare our hearts to receive this Light.**

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Text

Psalm 72:1-7 (NRSV)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. ²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. ³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. ⁵May he live^[a] while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. ⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* **Gloria Patri**

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

Old Testament Text

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall

Morning Prayers

Candle Dedication: Happy Birthday to Ethan Barnes and Tom Lake

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Advent Community Church, Columbus

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Great is the Lord

(arr. Smith and Smith)

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Gospel Text

Matthew 2 (NRSV)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. ¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Sermon

Rev. Scott Schieber

Blessing

Postlude

God Be with You

(Rankin)

Announcements and Information

Monday Noon Bible Studies - Check Facebook and emails for links and details.

January Worship Schedule

January 10—Epiphany Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube AND in-person in the Legg Center, with Patsy Farmer playing, at 10:30 am.

January 17—Due to blood drive that morning, worship will only stream at 8:30 am on Facebook Live and YouTube with Laura Laughlin playing.

January 24—Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube AND in-person in the Legg Center, with Cathy Bero playing, at 10:30 am.

January 31—Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube at 8:30 with Janine Shipley playing, and in-person at 10:30 in the Legg Center with recorded music.

Blood Drive

Sunday January 17th

8a-12p

You must reserve a spot at

[Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma. Give Life | Red Cross Blood](#)

Sponsor Code: HighwaterChurch
www.redcrossblood.org



Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Bob Tucker Dave Nash Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams
Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Jim Farmer Dick & Gayle Gibson Carol Hoar Mae and Fred
Pound Lindsey Hoskinson Joy Smith Nancy Schmidt

Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Carol & Bill King
Sharon Mummey	Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Mark Frick	Theresa Gonda
Marsha King	Jesse Buchanan
Judy Schmoll	Christine Schmidt
Chrissy King	Doug Snyder and Family
	Jason Hover and Family



For all those who have been there on the front lines during this uncertain time and who will continue to be there through this pandemic.

Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko, Jared Grace, Nate Comer