

Hilton United Methodist Church
2nd Sunday after Epiphany, January 15, 2017, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Mrs. Christy Sadecki
Call to Worship Rev. Jennifer Green
Introit "How Firm a Foundation" Early USA melody
Opening Prayer Sally Lee, *Lay Liturgist*

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

* Hymn: "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" W&S # 3176

Experiencing God Through God's Word

The Word for Children
Children ages 6-12 may now be dismissed for Jr. Church in the Youth Room

Choral Anthem "Without Seeing You" David Haas

Message: "Step of Faith" Rev. Jennifer Green

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH# 419

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer and Personal Confession
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

*Lord, show me how to
rebuild my faith...*

*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*

Giving to God
Offering our Tithes and Gifts
Offertory

* The Doxology# 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!*

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Serve God

* Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH # 133

Ministry Opportunities

The Benediction

Benediction Response: "Step by Step" W&S # 3004

Postlude

* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

Welcome to worship. We pray you feel God's presence in this place.

- Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.
- Thank you for joining us this morning. During the renovation of our Sanctuary we are meeting in the Fellowship Hall. This will only be for a few weeks.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Persecuted Christians around the world; The Hand to Plow Process; Our Mission Outreach Children: Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado.

Residents of Care Facilities: Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Betty Schultz.

Expectant Parents: Luke & Becca (List) Johnson

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bob Comstock; Ann Cook; Ron Davies; Alea Floyd; Pat Green; Andrew Hardy; Michele List; Lauren Slagle; Chris Wanjon.

Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; GYSgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgt. Matthew Emerson; Airman Scott Eveleigh; Pvt Alex Joss-Forbes; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Maj. Jathan Payne; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

The book of Nehemiah gives us some practical help to be people under construction willing to do something and not just complainers who sit and do nothing. Join me as we witness God fulfill God's promises written by the prophets concerning the return of the people of Israel from 70 years of captivity to the land of their inheritance. Witness God change the hearts of the great kings of the ancient world, Cyrus Darius and Artaxerxes of Persia. Discover how if God can work through people like Joshua, Ezra, and Nehemiah to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and reestablish the law of Moses, helping to renew people's faith, God can work through you too!

You are invited to read the chapters from Nehemiah each week to prepare for Sunday worship. Please refer to the following schedule as we embark on this construction process together:

“Construction Zone”

January 15 - Today	Nehemiah 1-2	Taking the Next Step of Faith
<i>Read Chapters 3 & 4 for next week</i>		
January 22	Nehemiah 3-4	Serving the Local Church & Community
January 29	Nehemiah 4:4-23	Stalled Out?
February 5	Nehemiah 5-6	Graciously Loving and Serving Others
February 12	Nehemiah 6-8	Hungry, Hungry . . . For God's Word
February 19	Nehemiah 9	Worship and Remember
February 26	Nehemiah 10-13	Leaving a Legacy

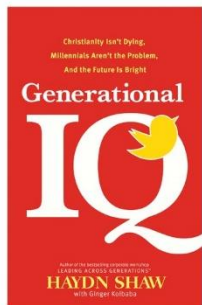
Study on Generational IQ by Hayden Shaw

Do you ever ask the following questions: Why is my daughter drifting from God? What do I say to friends who claim, “I’m spiritual but not religious?”

What do I do with my kid, who is putting off marriage but not sex?

The world has shifted dramatically in the last several decades. The cracks of the fundamental shift appear everywhere: in our economy, in our cultural debates, in our political landscape, and most important, in our families and churches. The problem is that we tend to overreact to these changes, fearing that Christianity is dying. We need better generational IQ so we can respond to the changes without being terrified by them.

YOU are invited to join the Church Council on a journey . . .



A journey of taking our vision statement of Following Christ, Connecting Generations, and Transforming Communities seriously. Of truly studying, praying, and being in conversation with one another about the difference in our generations. As Hayden Shaw states: “Christianity Isn’t Dying, Millennials Aren’t the Problem, and the Future is Bright.”

We will begin this study on Thursday January 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will meet every fourth Thursday thereafter. EVERYONE is welcome! Please call or stop by the church office to get a copy of the book.

Human Relations Day (January 15th)

Churchwide Special Sundays offerings enable United Methodists like you to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

Human Relations Day, a Special Sunday offering collected annually on the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King Day, strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God’s children to realize their potential.

Will You Support the Ministry of Christ Among Those on the Margins?

Will you continue to support Human Relations Day? Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities’ self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

Donate Now!

- **In today’s offering**

Write “United Methodist Student Day” on the memo line of your check payable to Hilton United Methodist Church; Envelopes will be available next Sunday – or see Ed Earnhart.

- **By Online Giving**

Use the blue "[Donate](#)" button located in the lower left hand corner of our home page www.humcny.org.

- **By Smart Phone**

- Scan the QR Code with your camera.

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