

Hilton United Methodist Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany, January 22, 2017, 10:00 am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Mrs. Christy Sadecki

Call to Worship Rev. Jennifer Green

Introit "We All Are One in Mission" Rusty Edwards

Opening Prayer Ann Hurlimann, *Lay Liturgist*

Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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* Hymn: "We Are Called" TFWS # 2172

Experiencing God Through God's Word

The Word for Children Matthew 25: 14-30
Children ages 6-12 may now be dismissed for Jr. Church in the Youth Room

Choral Anthem "One God and Father of Us All" Pete Carlson/Kyle Matthews

Message: "Construction Begins" Rev. Jennifer Green

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH# 396

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and Personal Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *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*

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

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: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH # 431

Ministry Opportunities

The Benediction

Benediction Response: "Make Me a Servant" TFWS # 2176

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 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

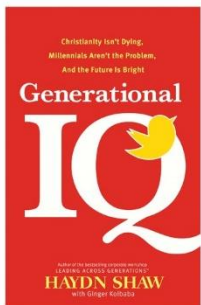
Study on Generational IQ by Hayden Shaw

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.