

**IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

LITURGIST: Sue Poulos

MUSIC: Sue Poulos, Bertie Spicker

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Dave Bowen



Ministers: All Members

Pastor: Rev. Ben Shaw

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**Montgomery Presbyterian Church**

**January 16, 2022**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FRIENDSHIP PADS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Liturgist: invite people to sit after the Call to Worship)

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.

It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.

Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.

May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

\*SPECIAL MUSIC                      *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

SESSION

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Beth Doebereiner	Pam Hackman	Steve Thiel
Jim Ryan	Susie Lewis	Dave Bowen
Bruce Henry	Dick Reeseey	Rick Parrish
		Greg Simpson
		Bill Koebel

DEACONS

<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Jennifer Mathis	Sue Poulos	Doug Rose
	Lois Silber	Sue Rose
	Cheryl Mack	Joyce Counts

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

\*HYMN                                      *How Firm a Foundation*                                      463

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*from John van de Laar*

Truth be told, Jesus,  
There are lots of tables that need overturning  
in our lives;  
Beneath the veneer of respectability  
the tidy rows and neat regulations  
hide dark addictions and angry judgements  
hungry greeds and heartless rejections

We know the pain—and so do those around us—  
of keeping up the facade;  
What a relief it would be to have it all  
upset, smashed, scattered, destroyed

So, perhaps, Jesus, today you could pay us a visit  
and help us to radically rearrange  
the furniture of our lives.

*We reflect silently on the ways we have fallen short.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Amen. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ—who lived, died, and rose for us.  
Believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA PATRI      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*                                      582

*We encourage you to quietly reflect with joy on God’s mercy as the music plays.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION      (Liturgist: invite people to be seated before this prayer.)

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*John 2:13-17*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## ANTHEM

*Jesus Shall Reign*

*Sue Poulos, Bertie Spicker*

## SECOND READING

*John 2:18-25*

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Ben Shaw

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## CALL TO OFFERING

*Per COVID-19 safety measures, we will not pass the offering plate for some time. As you feel called, you may leave your offering in the plate in the Gathering Room or donate online at [MPChurch.net](https://MPChurch.net).*

## DOXOLOGY

*In place of singing aloud, we encourage you to ponder God's blessings in your life as the music plays.*