

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany



From Great To Good

Micah 6.1-8

In his 2001 bestseller, "Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap and Others Don't?," Jim Collins highlighted 11 companies that had gone from good to great. Unfortunately, some turned out not so great, some aren't even good, and some don't even exist. Rather than seeking to go from good to great, God suggests moving from great to good.

Coming Up!

February 5

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Peer Pressure From The Pharisees

Matthew 5.13-20

People around us can inspire us to do the right thing. Or they can cause us to quit. Surprisingly, it is top performers who often do the most damage

February 12

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Driving Directions

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

When at a fork in the road, take one — the right one

HANES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HANES' WORLD

Real People ... Real Life ... Real Faith

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Organist: Ms. Phyllis Bristow

Pianist: Ms. Betty Lewis

Order of Service

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

*The liturgical color green symbolizes the Holy Spirit,
life eternal, and hope*

Welcome to Hanes United Methodist Church

We've been waiting for you! We believe that every person who comes into this special fellowship is sent by God himself. Above all else, we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We are eager to know you, and we are excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church. It will not take long to discover that this is truly a family, rich in the relationships that matter most. Our doors and our hearts are open. If you have been thinking, praying, searching for a place to belong, we say to you, "Welcome home!"

Mission Statement

At Hanes United Methodist Church, our purpose is to communicate God's Word through evangelism, to provide fellowship and community to believers, to educate God's people through discipleship, to demonstrate God's love through service, and to celebrate God's presence in worship.

Gather

Prelude
Lighting of the Advent Candle
Call to Worship

Respond as indicated

Call: We are your church, the body of Christ.

Response: We are your followers, the disciples of Jesus.

Call: We are your hands and feet, the outpouring of Jesus love to the world.

Response: We are your sons and daughters, living out the kingdom of God here on earth.

Call: We are your bride, the one true love of our glorious Savior.

Response: We belong to you, our Father, our Savior, our Guide. We are yours. Amen.

Invocation
Hymn of Praise

Rev. R. Wesley “Preacher Bob” McLeod
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 89

Welcome and Announcements

Pray

Prayer of Confession

In unison

God of grace, we confess we have done little to advance your kingdom in this world. We have become bogged down with trivialities and lost sight of your vision of unity. We have allowed ourselves to be sidetracked with dissension instead of fostering unity among your people. We have focused on past pains which have embittered us instead of moving forward in establishing love as the law of life. Free us, we pray, from that which binds us. Enable us to be a people renewed in faith and love. We know that with you all things are possible, and so we ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ, who came to show us how to make your kingdom come.

Assurance of Pardon
Prayers for the People

Parish Calendar

Sunday Services

Worship: 9.30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10.30 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

First Sunday each month, 8.30 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

First Sunday each month, 9.30 a.m.

Senior’s Luncheon

First Monday each month, Golden Corral, Hanes Mall, 3.30 p.m.

Vital Signs

Attendance:

Giving:

Homily

The Run-Flat Church
Rev. R. Wesley “Preacher Bob” McLeod

Prayer After the Message

Send

Hymn of Invitation

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
United Methodist Hymnal, No. 430

Dismissal With Blessing
Postlude

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Church and Community Prayer Concerns

Lola Boomer, Rhonda Carter, Sophie Carter, Robert Cochran, Charles Dollyhite, Carolyn Grinnell, Shirley Haltom, Sarah Hines, Christina Kirkman, Bette Mosely, Robin Nowak, Earlene Sapp, Delores Shew, P. R. Swain, Kathy Wagner

The Lord’s Prayer

In unison

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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

Share

Offertory Prayer
Doxology

In unison

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

Proclaim

The Old Testament

Isaiah 9.1-7
**The Message*

But there’ll be no darkness for those who were in trouble. Earlier he did bring the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali into disrepute, but the time is coming when he’ll make that whole area glorious – the road along the Sea, the country past the Jordan, international Galilee. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. For those who lived in a land of deep shadows --light! sunbursts of light! You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy. Oh, they’re so glad in your presence! Festival joy! The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings. The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants – all their whips and cudgels and curses – is gone, done away with, a deliverance as surprising and sudden as Gideon’s old victory over Midian. The boots of all those invading troops, along with their shirts soaked with innocent blood, will be piled in a heap and burned, a fire that will burn for days! For a child has been born – for us! the gift of a son – for us! He’ll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow, and there’ll be no limits to the wholeness he

brings. He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom. He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always. The zeal of God-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this.

The Gospel

Matthew 4.12-25

**The Message*

When Jesus got word that John had been arrested, he returned to Galilee. He moved from his hometown, Nazareth, to the lakeside village Capernaum, nestled at the base of the Zebulun and Naphtali hills. This move completed Isaiah's sermon: Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee, crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge light; sitting in that dark, dark country of death, they watched the sun come up. This Isaiah-prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: "Change your life. God's kingdom is here." Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed. A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James and John, Zebedee's sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus made the same offer to them, and they were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father. From there he went all over Galilee. He used synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God. God's kingdom was his theme – that beginning right now they were under God's government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives. Word got around the entire Roman province of Syria. People brought anybody with an ailment, whether mental, emotional, or physical. Jesus healed them, one and all. More and more people came, the momentum gathering. Besides those from Galilee, crowds came from the "Ten Towns" across the lake, others up from Jerusalem and Judea, still others from across the Jordan.

Prayer for Illumination The Epistle

Corinthians 1.10-21

**The Message*

I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common. I bring this up because some from Chloe's family brought a most disturbing report to my attention – that you're fighting among yourselves! I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I'm in the Messiah group." I ask you, "Has the Messiah been chopped up in little pieces so we can each have a relic all our own? Was Paul crucified for you? Was a single one of you baptized in Paul's name?" I was not involved with any of your baptisms – except for Crispus and Gaius – and on getting this report, I'm sure glad I wasn't. At least no one can go around saying he was baptized in my name. (Come to think of it, I also baptized Stephanas's family, but as far as I can recall, that's it). God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center – Christ on the Cross – be trivialized into mere words. The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written, I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head, I'll expose so-called experts as crackpots. So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered dumb – preaching, of all things! – to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.

Call: The Word of God for the people of God!

Response: Thanks be to God!