

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

Galena United Methodist Church
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body... 1 Corinthians 12:12

JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP ZOOM ON SUNDAY AT 11:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85847791642>

Liturgist: Sarah Newton

We Gather as the People of God

Prelude *In Christ There Is No East or West UMH* by William A. Dunkerley

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Gathering Hymn

Spirit Song [with lyrics for congregations] by John Wimber,

<https://youtu.be/6PYx0PXOyo8> Chet Valley Churches UMG (on behalf of Maranatha (MRA))

Welcoming

Pastor Catiana

Threshold Moment

One: On this day, we gather, never alone, but as Christ's body; not in isolation, but in community;

All: as those who would care for one another, we gather.

One: As we rejoice together, as we pray together: May our hearts feast on your love.

All: As we worship together, may we hear the word you have for us. Amen.

***Opening Song**

Jesus, United by Thy Grace UMH #561

Words: Charles Wesley/Tune: John B. Dykes; <https://youtu.be/sMmxmxSp5c0> Video by Charles Szabo

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

One: We confess that we have sinned against our neighbor. We have entertained hateful thoughts and actions. We have excluded them and added to their hurt and shame.

Two: Forgive us we pray and show us the way of humility and reconciliation.

One: Empower us to turn away from our anger, refrain from hurtful words, lay down our weapons, and embrace our brothers and sisters with love and compassion.

Two: Let us grow so strong in our love for you and one another that the barriers of discrimination and bigotry among us will end.

One: Teach us on this day to follow the Way of Love which you revealed to us through your Son Jesus. Help us to glorify your name by diligently learning to show forgiveness, affection, and love to our brothers.

Two: Through your Spirit, unite us to be one in Christ. Amen.

One: Hear these words of assurance: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, renews us by grace in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.

Two: Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Hear God's Word

Preparing for the Word

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell



Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

NRSV

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” . May God empower the Word in our hearing

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

NRSV

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Witness to the Gospel

Oneness In Christ

Pastor Catiana

We Respond to the Word of God

Invitation to Prayer

As part of God’s family, our hearts are opened to pray for one another. If you have some prayer requests, please email, text or give me a call. Let us now prepare through song....

Prayer Music

Make Us One

TFWS #2224

Carol Cymbala

<https://youtu.be/eAx4qy1Ld8>

Prayer Response at Loma Linda University Church in Loma Linda, California. Performed November 2014. Ariel Quintana, Conductor, Sanctuary Choir and Kimo Smith, Organist.

**Make Us One Lord, make us one,
Holy Spirit, Make us one.
Let your love flow
so the world will know
we are one in you.**

Prayers of the People

Commitment to Justice, Mercy and Unity

Congregational response: Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

One: Jesus Christ prays for the unity of his disciples. The gift of his life is justice for the world.
As members of the body of Christ, we are called to walk together in his path. Let us hear his calling.

All: Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

One: As members of the body of Christ, we are called to keep our lives free from the love of money.
Let us break the cycle of greed and live in simplicity.

All: Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

One: As members of the body of Christ, we are called to proclaim release to captives and victims of all forms
of violence. Let us help them to live in dignity.

All: Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

One: As members of the body of Christ, we are called to extend hospitality to strangers.
Let us outdo one another in showing honor.

All: Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

One: As members of the body of Christ, we are called to proclaim the good news to the whole creation.
Let us protect the life and beauty of God's creation

All: Holy Spirit, unite us in action.

One: To make concrete our individual commitment to work together for justice, you are invited to write your
commitment on two separate cards. We invite you to keep one of these cards close to your heart. The
second one, I invite you to place in the offering plate when we share our gifts.

Hymn of Unity

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Words/Music: Mark Miller

<https://youtu.be/3qwUrexCrtY>

Vs. 1	Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.	Vs. 3	Cast aside your doubts and fears, Cast aside your doubts and fears. Let us join our hearts as one, Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Vs. 2	We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled, We're accepted as we are,	Vs. 4	We will tear down the walls! We will tear down the walls! God has called us, one and all; We will tear down the walls!

Prayer of Jesus:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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. FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

Offering our Gifts

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8) Let us commit ourselves to acts of justice. There are many ways you might support the ministries of this "Body of Christ" You may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank.

Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.

Our “Change for the Better January through March is The Workshop

(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

The Workshop has been promoting the general welfare of individuals with disabilities in Jo Daviess County since 1961 when a small group of parents started The Workshop and, through perseverance, kept it going for the first ten years. The founding group of parents sought to establish a day program, which would teach basic skills and provide activities for their children with disabilities. In a larger sense, the parents hoped to see their children develop potential and receive the respect of others in society. The Workshop has evolving into something quite remarkable. 60 years of developing, maintaining, and expanding services for people with disabilities.

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RIP Medical Debt Relief Program/Fundraising Campaign continues through February 6th. We have joined First Presbyterian Church & Grace Episcopal Church in fund raising for RIP Medical Debt Relief Program. Please give generously.

Every dollar you give equals \$100 in Debt Relief for the poorest of the poor.

Singing Our Thanksgiving *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #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 Dedication

One: Gracious God, you have shown us your compassion and care for all creation.

Your love inspires us to offer these commitments to act justly by loving others wholeheartedly regardless of their cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

All: Accept now our offerings and transform them into action for the unity of your Church. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives with you as one God forever and ever. Amen.

We Go Forth in God’s Spirit

***Closing Song** *We Are Called* TFWS #2172 Music by: David Haas ©1988 GIA Publications

<https://youtu.be/5DCzqHV-Xns>

Created by: Michelle Sherliza, OP

- 1. Come, live in the light**
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God
- 2. Come, open your heart**
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more
- 3. Sing, sing a new song**
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love (united in love)

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice**
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

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PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns (PLEASE LET CATIANA KNOW OF PRAYER AJUSTMENTS)

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Prayers for pandemic awareness.... vaccinations for the health and well-being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others.

Pat Bull is recovering from knee surgery. Please hold her in prayer; Prayers for the family of Celia Hartman, a pre-school teacher at River Ridge, who died from COVID; Prayers for the family & friends of former Lord of Love pastor, Rev. Dennis Hill. He passed away late Nov..

Please continue to hold Patricia and the family **of Ben Allen-Stewart** in your prayers. Patricia's address is 1008 Third St., Galena; **Ruth, friend of Pat Bull, lost her husband last week. He had been ill for some time. Prayers please; Karen Hughes' brother, Elmer John Phillips passed away mid-November. Hold the family in prayer; Janette Bader** is now recovering at home. Janette's address is 6481 N. Bowden Dr., Scales Mound, IL 61075 **Janette's daughter, Karen, fell, breaking her hip. Please hold Karen in prayer;**

Ginny Carroll has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. Prayers as she continues her treatment in Madison. Cards- 1399 S. Irish Hollow Road, Galena; Prayers for **Julie Eggleston's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth; Lonna's daughter-in-law, Cathy McDermott,** is undergoing Chemo treatment. Hold her & the family in prayer; **Ingrid's brother, John,** died as a result if a car accident near St. Cloud. **His wife, Cora** is recovering. Prayers for **the Muehleip family;** Prayers for **Ingrid's health concerns** and for **Darcy's friends, Atron Regan-prayers for remission** and for **Debbie Furlong's family on her passing.**

Pastor Catiana's sister, Patty Thomas, began chemo before Christmas; **Dave & Judy's friend, Courtney Evenode,** last of family- prayers for job and home and son, Luke and daughter, Ella;

Continue prayers for **Mary Turner and the Turner family for the passing of Wayne, whose service was held in October; Beverly DeBord's brother, Donald Renner,** died the end of Sept.. Please remember the **DeBord -Renner family** at this time;

Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs, passed away last month. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for **Pam's sister, Melanie;**

Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away recently. Prayers Appreciated.

Continue prayers for **Carolyn and Tom Grey.** Address: Carolyn Grey 130 W 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203; prayers for **Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner; Judy's niece, Wendy** in prayer for depression, **Judy's cousin, Dean & Dave's sister, Judy Lopez,** with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the **Biegon's friend, Nancy H.**

Hold **Charlene Price in prayer for healing** (compression-fracture) following a fall; prayers for **Elisa Skeeter, her family and neighbors; hold Lonna and her daughter, Joni** in prayer for health concerns; **Betty Kabara's** health; **Daniel Saben,** continued prayers; **Cheryl and Jim White;** Please hold **Sarah and Carter** in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for **Sarah's brother, Bill,** who has cancer. Prayers for the **Brotheridge family** as Michelle has passed away; **Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Lisa and Terry Prindle.**

Continued prayers for all Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence; Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 25 Maureen Shepherd
- 26 Bill Ortman
- 27 Syd Sincock
- 28 Juli Clayton
- 29 Pat Willy
- 30 Vivienne Anderson



May the light of God fill our hearts and homes in the new year.

Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Worship in our church in February
OR livestream the service on our website

by clicking on the "Worship with Us" tab, on our Youtube
at Galena UMC, and on our Facebook page at Galena UMC.

Galena United Methodist Church

Core Values: Do no harm. Do Good. Love God.

Our Vision: With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we make disciples.

**Our Mission: We will honor our long history by nurturing
and expanding a community of disciples who love God and neighbor,
fulfilling the gospel of peace, justice, mercy, and servant ministry.**



Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."



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