

Skyland Community Church, UCC



God's Hands and the Holy Spirit

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Sunday Morning Worship January 16, 2022

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Connect with Skyland Community Church

Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am

Open Communion: 1st Sunday of each month

Thursdays Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00-11:00

Thursdays Community Check-In (Zoom) 4:00-5:00

See website or weekly email for Zoom links.

PRELUDE, CENTERING MOMENT, AND WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Ministry Matters, adapted from Psalm 36

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

Many: your steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

Many: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

Many: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

All: you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN

#1 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*UNISON PRAYER

From Re:Worship, adapted from Psalm 36

Your love, O God, is as immeasurable as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches higher than the clouds in the sky. Your justice is like the majestic mountains—firm and unshakeable, and your judgments are as deep as the ocean depths. And yet, in your greatness, you care for all of creation—people and animals alike. May your love continue to grow deeply in the lives of all who know you. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY WISDOM

Excerpts from “Letter From Birmingham Jail”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

SERMON

“Gifts That Keep On Giving”

Rev. Melanie Weiner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#593 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;

Praise God, the Word who came to earth;

Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;

All glory, honor to God’s name. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring these gifts today, gifts of money and gifts of time, gifts of energy and gifts of talent, each offered from our own generosity and our own strengths. Guide us to use these gifts with wisdom and abundance to care for your creation. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Creator (Father, Mother, God,...) in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

#459 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

Many thanks to those who served in worship today including Patricia Wood, Gerald Alonzo, Mike Mahrle, Jackie Seymour, John Conkle, and Anne Evans. Copyrighted hymns are streamed under OneLicense A-736900.