

## *Messiah Lutheran Church*

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Wesleyville, PA 16510

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually rewarding!*

### **Welcome Visitors!**

We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

You will find everything you need for worship in this Aid. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

Please take a few moments to read the Announcements found on the inside cover of this Worship Aid.

**Large Print Worship Aids** are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate the  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22, 2023  
8:30am Service of  
Holy Communion*



### **Our Staff**

**Cindy Anderson**, Parish Administrator Email: [secretary@messiah-erie.org](mailto:secretary@messiah-erie.org)

**Bonnie Stearns**, Church Sexton

## *Announcements*

**S**econd Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **January** the *Inter-Church Ministries* is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using your envelope or the ones provided on the Narthex counter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**W**esleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

**A**nnual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, **January 29**, at **12:15pm** in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. A lite lunch will be provided.

**2023 Sponsorships:** are now available for Altar Flowers (\$30.00 per vase/\$55 per pair) and Worship Aids (\$7.00 each). Please make sure to fill out the paperwork below the charts and return it to the office with your payment once you sign up for them. Thank you!

*We welcome Pr. Thomas Glasoe as our presider today*

*We welcome Neal Durchman as our musician today.*

***Our Mission:***

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,  
and our support*

***Our Vision:***

*To build and strengthen the body of Christ*

**Holy Communion**

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. The Altar rail will not be used;
2. Ushers will dismiss people for Holy Communion starting in the back on the piano side of the church, one pew at a time;
3. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
4. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
5. Communion cups will be placed in the cup trays in every other or third hole to allow for individuals to touch only the cup they are taking;
6. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

**Assisting at Worship:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>January 29</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Brad Bresee	Tammy Johnson
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Martucci	Tammy Johnson
<b>Usher</b>	Ron Martucci	Steve Porada
<b>Sound System</b>	Tammy Johnson	Savanna Conner
<b>Video</b>	Tammy Johnson	Savanna Conner
<b>Counters</b>	Ron Martucci, Bob Pommer	Laurie Hecht, Linda Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Blaine Waters	

## Welcome/Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel]

**P** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and ✠ of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C** we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we maybe reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** Know our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God's mercy makes us new.

**C** Amen.

### Gathering Hymn

### We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O-pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

***Greeting***

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

***Glory to God***

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*Prayer of the Day*

- P** Let us pray. Loving God,  
**G** your so, Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**A** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

**Reflection Time**

*Hymn of the Day*

*Blest Are They*



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



*Refrain*  
 Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!



## *Creed*

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

## *Prayers of the People*

- A** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.....Merciful God,
- C** hear our prayer
- P** O God, we bring you our needs and hopes, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
- C** Amen.

## *Peace*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

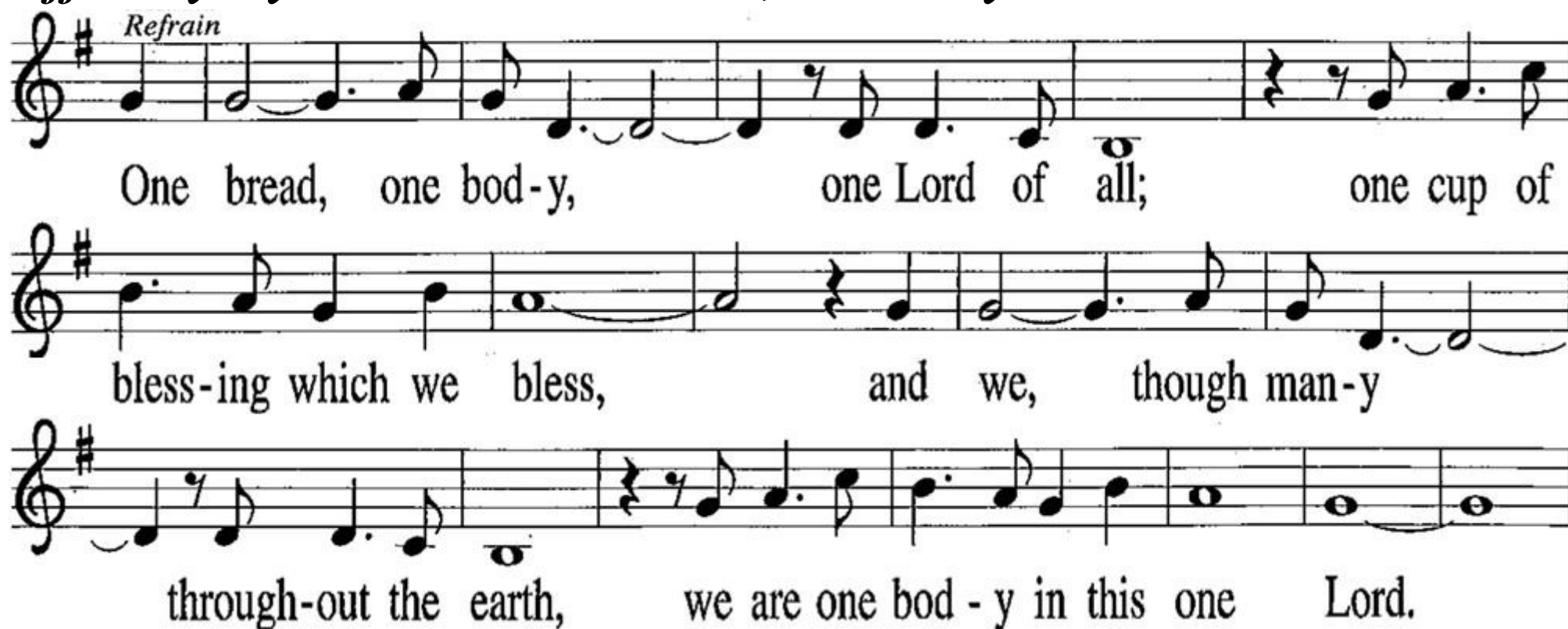
*Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared*

## *Offering*

### *Offertory Hymn*

### *One Bread, One Body*

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self***

- A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Loving Creator,
- C** as we bring this offering we acknowledge that the money we do not bring is yours as well. Help us to use it as may best further your purpose and benefit your kingdom on earth. Amen.

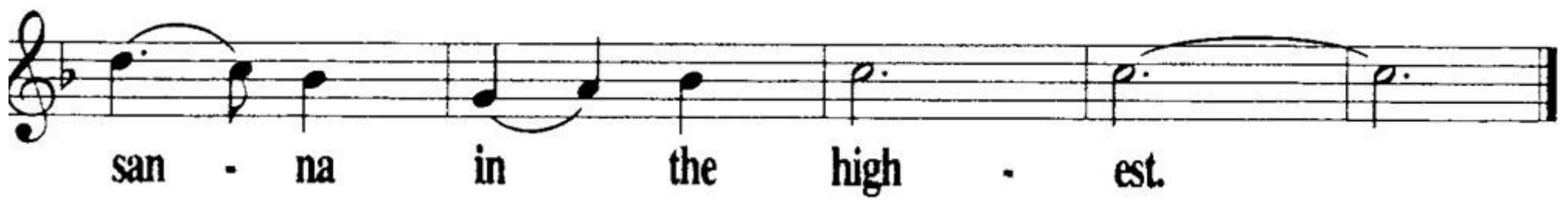
***The Great Thanksgiving***

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface***

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord***

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -



*Eucharistic Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**P** Let us pray with confidence as Jesus taught us:

**C** **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 and ever. Amen**

*Invitation to Communion*

**A** Come taste the joy of God!

*Lamb of God*



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Distribution of Communion* [sit]

*Communion Music* Instrumental

*Table Blessing*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Post Communion Prayer

☞ Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Holy one, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from his table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

☞ Amen.

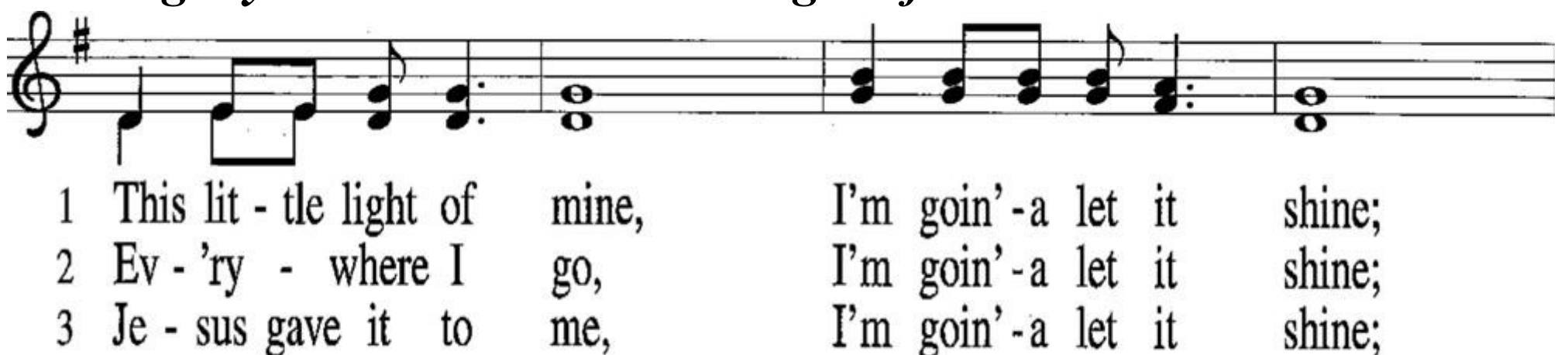
## Benediction

☞ May God, who is faithful and just, bless us in the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit today and always.

☞ Amen.

## Sending Hymn

### *This Little Light of Mine*



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***Dismissal***

- A** Go in peace and follow in the way of Jesus.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for God's many blessings by Robin Curtis*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and n Thanksgiving for my family by Shirley Damon*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Messiah Lutheran Church by the Mikotowicz family*





## Weekly Budgetary Outlook

	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Other Bdgtd. Inc.</u>	<u>Total Bdgtd. Income</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>	<u>Weekly Avg. Bdgtd. Exp.</u>
January 15, 2023	\$4,190.00	\$50.00	\$4,240.00		\$4,044.64
YTD (3 weeks)	\$7,525.00	\$77.00	\$7,602.00	\$3,101.82	\$12,133.92

***Our Surplus through 3 week is \$4,500.18.***

***Thank you for your generous contributions!***

## This Week at the Church

*(See Newsletter for More Detail)*

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

<b>Sun. 1/22</b>	<b><i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
<b>Mon.</b>	6:00PM	Meditation Group
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 1/29</b>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	12:15PM	Lite Lunch
	12:45PM	Annual Congregational Meeting-In-person or on Zoom