

December 30, 2018

Feast of the Holy Family/New Year's Vigil/Motherhood of Mary/World Day of Peace

Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community

All are welcome at our table

Prayer Leaders: Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn

Music Leader: Ray Keables

Welcome

Opening Song: *Joy to the World #84*

Blessing

ALL: In the Name of God as Loving Parent, Jesus Our Brother, and the Spirit of Love Alive among Us. Amen.

Prayer Leaders: Peace be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Opening Prayer: O God, you gave us the example of the Holy Family to be our model. Help us to imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity. Celebrating all the diverse forms of love that embody family life today, we pray in unity, confidence, and gratitude. **ALL: Amen**

Prayer before Reading the Word

Prayer Leader: O God, while all the world lay wrapped in deep silence, you sent your Word to humankind.

ALL: Our Redeemer has come! Enlighten the darkness of our world, O Jesus. We have waited so long. With Mary and Joseph, the angels and shepherds, and all people of good will, we welcome you as we, too, sing our joy and praise. We ask you now to open our hearts and minds to hear and receive the Word that you speak and ARE. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 (*God's promise to Abraham and Sarah*)

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105 (*Pray response only at the beginning and end of the Psalm.*)

ALL: Yahweh remembers God's Covenant forever.

Second Reading: *Praying with the Word - Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* by David Haas

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia! Give the Glory*

Gospel: Luke: 2: 22-40

ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

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Dialogue Homily

Our dialogue homily is a time of reflection and sharing on the readings as they speak to our faith and life experiences, and as expressed and lived by our varied faith traditions.

Creed: *In Search of Belief* by Joan Chittister, OSB

**ALL: I believe in one God who made us all
and whose divinity infuses all of life with the sacred.**

ALL SING: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

WOMEN: I believe in the multiple revelations of that God,
Alive in every human heart,
Expressed in every culture,
and found in all the wisdoms of the world.

MEN: I believe that Jesus Christ,
the unique son of God,
is the face of God on earth
In whom we see best
the divine justice, divine mercy, and divine compassion
to which we are called.

WOMEN: I believe in the Christ
who is One in being with the Creator
and who shows us the presence of God
in everything that is
and calls out the sacred in ourselves.

MEN: I believe in Jesus, the Christ,
who leads us to the fullness of human stature,
to what we were meant to become before all time
and for all other things that were made.

ALL SING: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

WOMEN: By the power of the Holy Spirit,
he was born of the woman Mary,
pure in soul and single-hearted —
a sign to the ages of the exalted place of womankind
in the divine plan of human salvation.

MEN: He suffered so that we might realize
that the spirit in us can never be killed
whatever price we have to pay
for staying true to the mind of God!
He died but did not die
because he lives in us still.

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WOMEN: "On the third day" in the tomb he rose again
in those he left behind
and in each of us as well
to live in hearts that will not succumb
to the enemies of life.

MEN: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God on earth,
who keeps the Christ vision present
to souls yet in darkness,
gives life even to hearts now blind.
Infuses energy
into spirits yet weary, isolated,
searching and confused.

ALL SING: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

WOMEN: I believe in one holy and universal church,
bound together by the holiness of creation
and the holiness of hearts forever true.

MEN: I acknowledge the need
to be freed from the compulsions of my disordered life
and my need for forgiveness
in face of frailty.

**ALL: I look for life eternal
in ways I cannot dream
and trust that creation goes on creating in this world
and in us forever.**

ALL SING: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen. (2x)

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to bring our doubts and fears, our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise, and offer them for the earth and its creatures. Please offer petitions continuously without pausing. When all prayers have been stated, we will respond with: **God, hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: Receive our prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do. **ALL: Amen.** *(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002, adapted)*

Communal Offering

**ALL: O God, in this gathering, we are fed and nourished with the gift of Word, with bread and wine, and with the gift of one another.
In thanksgiving, may this offering we now collect support not just our community gathered here, but be a way to carry our prayers and our work out into the larger community. Amen.**

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Offertory Song: *Child of the Poor* #106 / *What Child Is This?* #105

Eucharistic Prayer of Endings and Beginnings

*We gather around the altar for our prayer. Readers are not specifically assigned for the parts; please feel free to recite a passage if you feel so moved. **Bold parts are read in unison.** When it is time to bless the bread and wine, please extend a hand palm up as we say the words of blessing together. If you would like gluten-free bread, please stand by the podium.*

The Lord's Prayer

Please join hands as we say The Lord's Prayer, beginning with "Maker of Time and Eternity."

Peace

Communion Prayer

**We share this bread that was broken for us,
that we might learn how to be the Body of Christ.
We share the cup that was poured out for us,
that we might learn how to pour out our lives for one another.**

"You are the bread of life." "You are the cup of life."

When everyone has received Communion, please return to seats for silent prayer.

**Communion Song: *Night of Silence* #78 (Weiss girls) and
Silent Night #80 (congregation)**

Prayer after Communion

ALL:

**It is because we long for peace that we pray.
It is because we hope for wholeness that we hunger.
It is because we need forgiveness that we seek new beginnings.
So we come
entering the depths of our souls
to beg forgiveness, to summon wholeness, to plead for peace
in ourselves, our families, our country and world.
We pray in your name, O Jesus, for you are
the Light of the world. Amen.**

*(John Philip Newell, *Praying with the Earth*, adapted)*

Healing Blessing

Anyone taking bread and wine to someone in the community is invited to come forward.

Prayer Leader: May our thoughts and prayers go to _____ and all those who need healing.
We hold them in our hearts.

ALL: We send you with bread and wine and the prayers of our community. Amen.

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Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit.

Blessing

Prayer Leaders: May God bless us, and may we all go forth to help bring God's love, joy, and peace to our world in the new year.

ALL: In the Name of God as Loving Parent, our Beginning and End, the Fullness of our Joy and Peace. Amen.

Final Song: *This Is My Song* #624 *In solidarity with World Day of Peace*

Please return the Eucharistic Prayer handout to the basket and take this Prayer Aid/Bulletin home with you.

***Thank you for sharing in our celebration of faith this morning.
Please join us for refreshments immediately following the service.
We pray together in this space every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!***

<p>For the collection each week, checks can be written to "DMIEC." The First Sunday collection each month supports a selected charitable organization. The remaining collections cover utility, insurance, and other usual and customary expenses. Contributions are tax-deductible.</p>

Collection Recipient on January 6: Iowa Sanctuary Movement Asylum Support Fund

The Iowa Sanctuary Movement asylum support fund was set up to support two families from El Salvador who are living in Des Moines while seeking asylum. The families consist of two mothers, one with a 10-year-old daughter and the other with a 10-year-old son. They live together in an apartment on Hickman Road. The kids attend Monroe school. The families need assistance with rent, utilities, food, clothing, and all living expenses. Financial support is paramount in getting through the next few months as asylum hearings are held.

Lynne Howard, who is coordinating the assistance for the families, will be the speaker for our service. First Unitarian Church of Des Moines is acting as the fiscal agent for donated funds. ***Checks can be written either to "First Unitarian Church of DSM" with "ISM Asylum Support" on the memo line or to "DMIEC."***

DMIEC is a sanctuary support community and a member of the Iowa Sanctuary Movement.

Christmas Eve collection: \$2,005.57 was collected for the Catholic Worker House on Christmas Eve.

Catholic Worker House Needs: Cold weather brings a need for warm items for the Catholic Worker House guests — jackets, socks, stocking caps, blankets, and sleeping bags. Other immediate needs: disposable razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. DMIEC supports the Catholic Worker House through our weekly donations. Place your donations in the grocery cart in the coatroom.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Date/Time	Event	Contact Person(s):
Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, time TBA	Book Study Group: <i>Climate Church, Climate World</i>	Mary Ann Koch and Julie Powell-Mohr

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Prayer Leader: Diane Morain

Music Leader: Kevin Pokorny

Liturgy Coordinator: Mona Gude

Prayer Aid Distributor: Charlene Skidmore

Bread Baker: *Volunteer needed*

Greeters: Elaine Hagedorn. *Volunteer needed*

Readers: Jim Fifield, Jeanie Hagedorn. *Volunteer needed*

Eucharistic Ministers: Martha Fifield. *Volunteers needed*

Straighten Worship Area: Eileen Burtle

Hospitality: Diane Morain. *Volunteers needed.*

PLEASE SIGN UP! Volunteer signup sheets are located in the entry hallway. Instructions for the various volunteer positions are available on the web site (dmiec.org) or in the Liturgy Room.

Questions about a particular position? Contact one of the Coach Contacts posted above the clipboards.

PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED FOR 2019

Plan ahead for the new year. Sign up on the orange clipboard.

DMIEC EVENTS:

Book Study Group: *Climate Church, Climate World*

Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, time TBA

Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change by Jim Antal is a book "founded on scripture and informed by science" that challenges people of faith to "come together in prayer and conversation" to meet the climate emergency of today. If you want to purchase through Beaverdale Books, sign up on the clipboard by December 30. (Rev. Jim Antal will speak at a Climate Revival Conference on February 9 at Plymouth Congregational Church.)

AREA EVENTS:

A DAY IN THE DESERT: *New Beginnings*

Saturday, January 5, 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., Emmaus House Spirituality Center, 1521 Center St., DM

Are you looking for time and space for prayer and reflection, but don't have time for a long retreat? Do you find it challenging to hear God's gentle voice in the midst of your busy life? A Day in the Desert is held the first Saturday of each month through March. Come once or to all. Spiritual directors available throughout the day. Questions? Contact Kevin O'Donnell at kevin@theemmaushouse.org or 282-4839. Space limited to 10 people. \$40/day. Register at www.theemmaushouse.org/upcoming-events.

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We Are Church Confessing

Sunday, January 6, 1:00-1:30 p.m., Pappajohn Sculpture Park, 1330 Grand Ave., Des Moines

We Are Church Confessing is an effort to call the church to publicly pray, confess, and bear witness to the sacredness of human life that our religious traditions call us to honor and protect. Ecumenical, interdenominational services are held in a public space the first Sunday of each month in response to our country's political crisis. This is not a protest. It is not partisan. The crisis in our political body pertains to basic issues of human rights about which we can agree to take a public stand even amidst our different perspectives on the best public policies or political affiliations. Hosted by Wellspring Community Church. For more information, contact Carmen Lampe Zeitler, carmenandjohn@aol.com.

What's Killing Our Children? What Can We Do?

Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. Grand View University Student Center, Des Moines

Speakers, music, poetry, and action steps. Speakers will include: Laurel Clinton on racial profiling in Des Moines; Brian Terrell on Yemen-Afghanistan; Maria Filipone on Israel-Palestine; Ann Naffier on the US-Mexico border. Co-sponsored by Catholic Peace Ministry.

A CLIMATE REVIVAL CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., DM

Keynote speaker Rev. Jim Atal, author of *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*. Co-sponsored by Interfaith Green Coalition, Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, and Plymouth Creation Care & Justice Coalition. No fee for the conference; freewill offering for lunch. Registration at www.iowaipl.org. (See corresponding book study group under "DMIEC Events.")

Charting Your Soul's Compass: A Women's Reflective Writing Retreat

March 28 – 31, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nebraska

Mary Kay Shanley and Diane Douiyssi offer this Thursday evening through Sunday noon retreat that encourages women to experience the treasure of expression waiting to emerge, to consider the possibilities that await the writer within, and to celebrate the purpose and direction in their own lives. For more information, please go to www.StBenedictCenter.com.

JustFaith – Winter 2019

JustFaith is designed for people who want to live more simply, love more compassionately, and make a difference by responding to the needs of the world. Through prayer, engaging reading, thought-provoking dialogue and relationship building, participants share a journey of faith and an invitation to "be the change" in our world. **Three stand-alone, eight-week sessions can be taken individually or together, in any order: *Living Compassionately: Caring for the Poor*; *Living Justly: Caring for Each Other*; *Living Simply: Caring for the Earth*.** Sessions begin in late January. Each contains 1-2 books, several videos, a retreat experience, an encounter or immersion experience, and an opportunity for action. For more information, go to centerforsocialministry.org

Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey.

This JustFaith Ministries program invites participants to look at central questions related to migration in the 21st century through the lens of Christian faith. This eight-session module offers participants a chance to find common ground and to discover more about themselves, their values, their God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world. Exploring Migration will be held Thursday mornings beginning January 24. For more information, go to centerforsocialministry.org

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Summer 2019: Build Homes in Malawi with Habitat for Humanity

Enjoy a different kind of vacation. Brendalyn Shird is recruiting a volunteer team to serve in **Malawi, Africa, from June 29-July 7, 2019**. The team will experience *the warm heart of Africa* while building homes for vulnerable children who have lost at least one parent. For more information, contact Brendalyn at bshird@gdmhabitat.org.

If you are new to IEC and would like a printed nametag, please sign up on the sheet in the entry hallway. Please include your email address if you would like to be added to our distribution list. PLEASE NOTE: Signing up for a nametag and emails does not register you as a member of DMIEC. You must be a registered member to access the Members section of our web site and to vote in DMIEC elections. There is no tithing commitment. For more information or to register, please contact Jim Fifield, dmiec11@gmail.com or 720-2104.

BREAD AND WINE

If you would like to take the bread and wine to someone, or if you would like a member to bring bread and wine to you, please call Diane Morain at 491-7778 or talk to her before worship on Sunday. The bread and wine can then be blessed by the community during our Liturgy of the Eucharist. *Sharing the bread and wine is a vital part of our community.*

PLAYROOM SUPERVISION RULES

- Any child using the playroom must have their parent or other adult relative present in the playroom or immediately outside the room to maintain visual contact of the child.
- During Sunday services or other events, the parent or other adult relative may move a chair from the worship area to the hallway outside the playroom door to be able to participate in the service and maintain supervision of the child.
- If their parent or other adult relative is not present in the playroom, then two approved volunteers must be present. One of the volunteers must be 18 or older.

Individuals 14 years of age and older, who would like to supervise children in the playroom, must be approved by the Community Council. If interested in being approved, please contact Dennis Rhodes (DennisRho@msn.com or 371-6494) or Karen DeHaven (kdehaven@mchsi.com or 205-1086).

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Pastoral Care Ministry Team

Kevin Pokorny (pokornyk@hotmail.com or 277-5848)
Mary Beth Reiff (marybethnz@msn.com or 779-6936)

Meal Coordinator:

Karen DeHaven (kdehaven@mchsi.com or 205-1086)
(Contact Karen to coordinate meal deliveries to DMIEC members suffering from illness, surgery, or accident.)

Community Council

Art Cunningham (finproac@aol.com; 961-6330)
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PERSONAL MINISTRIES

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team invites people in our community to offer their time as ministry to one another. Your ministry may include offering minor home repairs, yard work, pet care, respite care, prayer companion, rides to our Sunday prayer service, moving assistance, etc. For information, see flyers and signup sheet in the entry hallway.

There is an assistance fund for DMIEC members needing emergency financial assistance with food, shelter, utilities, transportation and medical and/or health issues. If you face such a need, we encourage you to contact a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry Team.

Building-Use Forms are on the web site. For information, please contact Mary Routh.

To submit an item for the bulletin, please send to Martha Fifield, martha.fifield@gmail.com.

Weekly Prayer Aids/Bulletins are available at dmiec.org. In the *Members* area in the left column, click on *Readings, Prayer Aids, Administration Files*, then *Our Weekly Prayer Aid*. Only registered DMIEC members may access this area of the web site.

To have full access, you may want to consider becoming a member. If you are not a registered member (or are not sure whether you are registered), contact Jim Fifield, dmiec11@gmail.com, 720-2104. You may also contact Jim if you are already a member and are having issues accessing the web site, or if you wish to update your personal information on the members' list on our web site.



DMIEC on Facebook: "Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community"

Administrators approve comments to our page before they go 'live'; only administrators can post statuses or pictures as DMIEC. To have an event posted as DMIEC on the page or to share pictures, email to tracyarood@gmail.com.

