

January 13, 2019
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

I am convinced that all human beings
have an inborn desire for God ...
this desire is our deepest longing
and our most precious treasure.

~ *Gerald May*

Des Moines Intentional Eucharistic Community
All are welcome at our table

Prayer Leader: Charlene Skidmore

Music Leader: Julie Powell-Mohr

Opening Song: *Come to the Water* #604, vs. 1-4

Blessing

**ALL: We gather in the Name of God the Creator, God the Sanctifier, and God the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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

Opening Prayer

Prayer leader: We stand together and commit ourselves to compassion, to openness, and to accepting suffering in our lives rather than inflicting it. We pray to be faithful to the word of kindness and courtesy, to forgiveness and silent mutual love. We pray to have the courage to offer our support to those who struggle to live. **ALL: Amen.** *(Pax Christi USA)*

Prayer Before the Readings

Prayer Leader: God of love, light our way. Guide us, and strengthen our faith so that all of life takes on the quality of your loving presence

ALL: Faithful God, fill us with a desire to follow you. Help us to renew our commitment to you day by day. As we continue on the journey of life, fill us with gratitude for the power of your love stirring within us. Unite us with all who need your loving touch through our care and compassion. Amen. *(Joyce Rupp, "The Continuous Call to Conversion," Out of the Ordinary, adapted)*

Prayer Leader: In your presence, O God, may our minds be opened, our spirits renewed, and our questions and insights shared.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104

ALL: O bless the Lord, my soul

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

ALL: Thanks be to God.



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Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Please be seated.

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.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

As a community, DMIEC does not profess a creed or statement of belief but does honor the Sacred's presence in many forms including, today, the baptism of Jesus.

Prayer Leader: In faith, let us renew together our baptismal promises.

Do you believe in the Creator, the mother/father face of God, source of all being, and ever-present loving spirit?

ALL: I do.

Prayer Leader: Do you believe in Jesus, who called us to love one another, and who now calls us through baptism to share his life, death, and resurrection to eternal life?

ALL: I do.

Prayer Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, present and moving among us, revealing within us insight and wisdom, a spirit of playfulness, surprise and wonder?

ALL: I do.

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. Follow each petition with "We pray."

R: God, hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader: God of Hope, we pray you will comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit — those whom we have named and those we hold in our hearts.

ALL: May they know the power of your healing love. *(A New Zealand Prayer Book, adapted)*

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. *(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers 2002, adapted)*

ALL: Amen.

Communal Offering

Prayer Leader: God, the earth is yours, and everything in it. We come now to this table to make a return to You for all You have so generously given to us.

ALL: In this gathering, we are fed and nourished with the gift of Word, with bread and wine, and with the gift of one another.

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East: You feed us that we may become what we eat—that we become bread for the world.

West: In thanksgiving, we offer our prayers and gifts, our daily lives, our very selves to You and to our world.

ALL: May this offering we now collect support our community gathered here and carry our prayers and our work into the wider world. Amen.

Offertory Song: *In Christ Alone* #405, vs. 1

Eucharistic Prayer for Remembering Baptism

*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 "God with Us" ...

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 Meditation: *Holy Water* (Mary Sandvig Teare)

Prayer after Communion

Prayer Leader: It is sometimes difficult to believe that you love us as much as you do, Beloved One. We are humbled to know that you accept us with our weaknesses and our incompleteness.

ALL: It is this tremendous love of yours which invites a welcoming response from us. Help us to say with our whole hearts, "**We receive your great love with gratitude.**" Amen.

*(Joyce Rupp, "The Continuous Call to Conversion," *Out of the Ordinary*, 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.

Announcements

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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 and peace to our world.

ALL: In the Name of God Who Brings Light, God Who Brings Peace, and God Who Is with Us. Amen.

Final Song: *River of Glory* #651, vs. 1-4

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 report from January 5: Last week's DMIEC collection netted **\$3,639** for **Iowa Sanctuary Movement Asylum Support Fund**.

Annual Contribution Reports

For those who made contributions to DMIEC by check in 2018, the finance council has prepared annual contribution reports. Please pick up yours in the library. If you have any questions about the reports, please contact Art Cunningham (finproac@aol.com), Ed Arnold (edarnold1945@gmail.com), or Ray Keables (rmkeables@gmail.com). Thanks to all for the financial support, but also to all who volunteer countless hours to make the worship and work of our community possible!

Next week is DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Sunday.

Envelopes will be available at next Sunday's IEC service for donations to the Des Moines Area Religious Council Emergency Food Pantries. Write checks to "DMARC" or place cash in the envelopes and add to the collection basket. Or, you may take an envelope home and mail your donations directly to DMARC.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION JANUARY 20: *Please plan to stay after the service next Sunday.*

Quarterly conversations serve as a way to provide updates on community finances, social justice practices and topics, liturgy, and other important community issues while fostering open dialogue. In the interest of respecting everyone's time, there are NO oral announcements at the end of our service when we have a Community Conversation. ***If you have an announcement for next week, please be sure to send it to Martha Fifield, martha.fifield@gmail.com, so it can be included in the bulletin.***

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Date/Time	Event	Contact Person(s):
Monday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.	Community Council Meeting	Community Council
Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, 1:00 p.m.	Book Study Group: <i>Climate Church, Climate World</i>	Mary Ann Koch and Julie Powell-Mohr
Wednesday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.	Liturgy Planning Meeting	Liturgy Team
Sunday, January 20, after service	Community Conversation	Community Council

MINISTRIES FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Prayer Leaders: Donna Dressel and Jean Minahan

Liturgy Coordinator: Steve Gude

Bread Baker: Peggy Russell

Readers: Lynn Laws, Barb Gross, Kathleen Richardson

Eucharistic Ministers: *Volunteers needed*

Straighten Worship Area: *Volunteer needed*

Hospitality: Mary & Rodger Routh, Kris Wells, Barb Gross. *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 Aid Distributor: Martha Gelhaus

Greeters: *Volunteers needed*

PRAYER LEADERS NEEDED FOR 2019

Plan ahead and sign up on the orange clipboard.

PRAYERFUL PRESENCE at the CAPITOL

Beginning January 14 at 11:00 a.m., ALL are invited to join us each Monday as we circle the Iowa State Capitol rotunda in meditative prayer. To begin with intention we will gather at the top of the stairs (second floor) before we walk. Come with your own hopes for the people of Iowa, and we will walk together in silent reverence. Everyone welcome! Questions? Please call Kay Kopatich at 515-252-0714.

DMIEC EVENTS:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Monday January 14, 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the Community Council's monthly meeting.

Book Study Group: *Climate Church, Climate World*

Wednesdays, January 16, 23 & 30, February 6, 1:00 p.m.

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. **January 16: Read Chapters 1 and 2.**

Liturgy Planning Meeting, Wednesday, January 16, 3:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the monthly Liturgy Planning meeting. If you would like to offer ideas or suggestions but are unable to attend the meeting, please talk to a member of the Liturgy Team (which includes Julie Powell-Mohr, Mona Gude, Lisa Mullen, Diane Morain, Paula Hermann, Lou Ann Burkle, and Martha Fifield).

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AREA EVENTS:

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

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

Join Catholic Peace Ministry for an evening of speakers who will discuss racial profiling in Des Moines, detention of children on the US-Mexico border, detention of Palestinian children by the Israeli government, and killing and starvation of children in Yemen and Afghanistan. There will be action steps for attendees to take to address these issues.

11th Annual Rotary Polio Plus Night with the Iowa Wolves

Saturday, February 2, 7:00 p.m., Wells Fargo Arena

See the Iowa Wolves vs. Memphis Hustle and help a great cause. Good sideline tickets that normally sell for up to \$30 are just \$20/ticket. Enjoy NBA-quality entertainment and, more importantly, be part of a global humanitarian and historic event: the eradication of polio from the planet. Two-for-one match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. For tickets, contact Ed Arnold, edarnold1945@gmail.com.

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.iowaip.org. (See corresponding book study group under "DMIEC Events.")

JustFaith – Winter sessions starting soon

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

Catholic Worker House Needs for Winter: Jackets, socks, stocking caps, blankets, and sleeping bags. Other immediate needs: disposable razors, shaving cream, and deodorant. Please place donations in the grocery cart in the coatroom. Thank you for your continued support.

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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

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Meal Coordinator:

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(Contact Karen to coordinate meal deliveries to DMIEC members suffering from illness, surgery, or accident.)

Community Council

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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

