

Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church

Contemporary Service

Second Sunday after Christmas

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENERS: "Better Is One Day"

How lovely is your dwelling place
Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
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To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

“How Great Are You Lord”

How great are You Lord
How great is Your mercy
How great are the things
That You have done for me
How great are You Lord
Your loving kindness
Is filling my heart as I sing
How great are You Lord

How great is Your love
It reaches to the heavens
How great is the heart
That sought and rescued me

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“Step by Step”

Oh God, You are my God
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You

Oh God, You are my God
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And Step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

Hallelujah!
For you alone are worthy
And forever we will sing
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE RESPONSE(S)

**Lord in your mercy; hear our prayers, Lord for this joy,
hear our praise**

OFFERING

REFLECTIVE: “God Of This City”

You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are

You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God
For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
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And greater things are still to be done here

There is no one like our God
There is no one like you, God

For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done

We believe, we believe in you, God

Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done here
Greater things, still to be done here
Ooh

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 1-12

New Testament

MESSAGE

What Gift Do You Bring?

Pastor Bob

The Magi Visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSERS :“You Are My All in All”

La la la la

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
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CONT. “You are My All in All”

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La la la la

Oooohhh

“The River Is Here”

Down the mountain the river flows
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields
The river is rushing and the river is here

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

The river of God is teeming with life
And all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here

Up to the mountain we love to go
To find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son

Cont. “ The River I Here”

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Music Interlude

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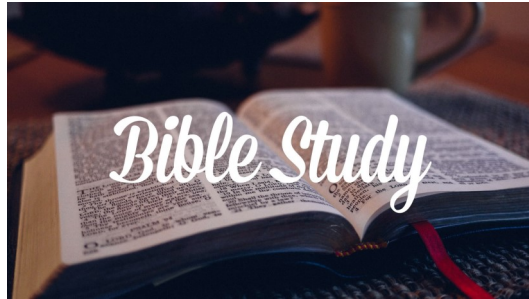
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***Benediction**



THANK YOU!

We want to thank everyone who contributed and donated to this year's Angel Tree project. Many families with children who would not have had presents for Christmas have been blessed by our church. Gift cards and other donations have been a wonderful gift to all those in the local community who received these presents. Thank you so much for your support.



You are invited to join in a morning Bible Study led by Catherine Morgan

Every Wednesday morning from 10 AM to Noon

In our Parlor, in person, socially distanced.

We will be reading Romans: Becoming New in Christ ,
by Jack Kuhatschek

If you would like to order a book pleas contact the church office, 570839-9902.

Beginning Wednesday January 13th for 6 weeks

WISHING YOU A
BLESSED
NEW YEAR

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
'plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11

HAPPY
New Year

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