



# Kent United Church of Christ

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, W.I.S.E.,  
and CREATION JUSTICE CONGREGATION*

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1, 2026

10am

BELLS

PRELUDE

*Songs of Hope*

Lani Smith

GREETING

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

INTROIT

*This is the Day the Lord has Made*

Marty Haugen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Ewers, liturgist

Come, all those who are poor in spirit, and all those who seek comfort

**Come, all those who mourn, or doubt, or desire community,**

Come, those in need of wisdom, healing, and love,

**Come all! There is space for everyone.**

For Jesus welcomes and blesses all by name.

\*OPENING HYMN Insert

A Place at the Table  
Verses 1-3 & 5

Lori True

\*INVOCATION

Carol Ewers

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Emily

*"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless the children.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 5:1-12

Here ends the reading from God's word.

**Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.**

SERMON

*Looking for the Blessing*

Pastor Emily

ANTHEM

*The Beatitudes*  
Chancel Choir

Mark Rippe

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Amy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT Insert

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

SEBASTIAN TEMPLE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Carol Ewers

VOLUNTARY

*Scherzo*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Mokulbust

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Amy

\*HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
As you receive the bread and the cup, please hold them so we may partake together.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING HYMN #451

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Emily

\*POSTLUDE

*Fantasy on "Holy Manna"*

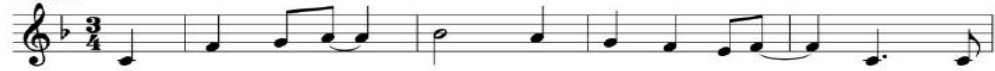
arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.  
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.  
The flowers today are an offering from Judy and Ralph Kletzien  
in loving memory of Peter Damon Kletzien.***



## A PLACE AT THE TABLE

### Verses



1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for  
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a  
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -  
 5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a  
 vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with  
 voice to be heard, a part in the song, the  
 bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in  
 live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for  
 wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for  
 hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for  
 an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for  
 work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 young and for old, the right to be - long. And  
 just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free.

### Refrain



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of



jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light



when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And  
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And  
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Text: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997  
Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942  
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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

## Cleveland Chamber Choir

*Gregory Ristow, artistic director*



**Friday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.**

*Cleveland's premier professional choir presents "Love in Bloom", an enchanting evening of music inspired by romance and nature, including music by Benjamin Britten, Tōru Takemitsu, Eric Whitacre, Morten Lauridsen and Brandon Waddles.*

*Kent's Theodore Roosevelt High School Choir will join the performance, as part of the choir's continuing commitment to education and providing invaluable experiences to future generations of musicians.*

**Charles Edward McGuire, PhD, from Oberlin College & Conservatory, will present a pre-concert talk 45 minutes prior to the performance.**

**Admission is FREE**

*A free-will offering will be collected.*

**Rutter Requiem**  
Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

**Gabriel Lane & David Lawrence**  
Saturday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

*All performances are in the sanctuary of Kent United Church of Christ  
1400 E Main St, Kent, OH 44240*



## SOUP-er Bowl Fundraiser

It's that time again! The Kent UCC United Youth Force (UYF) is taking orders for Soup-in-a-Jar - just in time for Soup-er Bowl Sunday! All proceeds support UYF's upcoming service trip to Denver, CO focused on Environmental Justice.

We will take orders after service in the lobby this Sunday, Feb. 1, and soups will be available for pick-up on Feb. 8. You may also place your order [here](#). Each jar is 16oz (4-5 servings), and are a suggested donation of \$12.

This year, we've added a 3rd soup choice - Chicken Noodle!

### **UYF - SOUP-er Bowl Fundraiser:**

#### **CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

This classic soup is great for these cold winter days! Includes dried chopped onions, dried minced garlic, bay leaf, rosemary, sage, thyme, celery seed, chicken bouillon cube, and wide egg noodles.

#### **RED LENTIL SOUP**

A delicious Red lentil soup with 1 teaspoon each of garlic powder, onion flakes, paprika, curry, turmeric, cumin, vegetable bullion, and joy. Soup add ons, celery, carrots, butter, coconut milk, and spinach

#### **GREEN SPLIT PEA SOUP**

A flavorful split pea soup with yellow and green split peas, onion powder, garlic powder, thyme, black pepper, turmeric, vegetable bouillon, and love. If you'd like, add cooked ham at the end for classic split pea and ham soup.

Thank you for your support of UYF!