

January 15th, 2022  
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

11:15 a.m.  
Color: Green

(Soft music played as the choir leaves the choir loft)

## Children's Moment

Rev. Brian Steele

**Prelude:** "Room at the Cross for You"

-Ira Stanphill  
Arranged by Fred Bock

(The acolyte lights the candle)

**Scripture: Jeremiah 6:14**

CEB

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God for his word.**

## Welcome and Announcements

Rob Narducci

**Sermon:** The Gospel in Dr. Seuss: The Sneetches and Beloved Community

Rev. Brian Steele

## Invocation

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #514 UMH (VS 1, 2 & 4)

(Please stand)

## Call to Worship (Congregational response in bold)

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. We live sustained by God's presence and love.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

L: As we mourn the wounds of God's children.

**P: God weeps with us.**

L: As we give thanks for our siblings who have lived in faith.

**P: God give thanks with us.**

L: As we struggle for justice.

**P: God struggles with us.**

L: As we strive for peace

**P: God strives with us.**

L: As we work to build the beloved community

**P: God works with us.**

L: As we offer our gifts to all.

**P: God blesses us.**

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

**P: Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.**

**ALL: Amen.**

## Glory be to the Father

UMH #70

(Please stand)

## Praise and Worship

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

-Overhead

## Community Prayer

Rev. Brian Steele

(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)

## Message In Song

"You Are Crowned with Praise"

-Christy Cooper

## Offering:

There are 4 ways you can financially contribute to the church:

⇒ Give by placing an offering in the collection plate at the front or rear of the sanctuary.

⇒ Give by texting your offering to **248-617-2121**.

⇒ Give by clicking on the "**Offering**" button at **hpfirst.org**.

⇒ Give by sending a check to the church.

*As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God  
our gifts of tithes and offerings.*

## Offertory Hymn

"Sonatina in F Major"

-Muzio Clementi

(Please stand)

## Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #95

## Offertory Prayer

Rob Narducci

## Celebration of Communion

(The communion table is open to everyone including children)

"Come to the Table of Grace"  
Communion Liturgy

-Overhead  
Overhead & Insert

## Ways to Connect

Rev. Brian Steele

(Please stand)

## Closing Song

"Are Ye Able"

#530 UMH (VS. 1 & 4)

(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)

## The Sending

Rev. Brian Steele

### Altar Flower Memorials:

Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. The cost is \$20 and you may take the flowers home after our service.

Please sign up by contacting Carol Willey at least 2 weeks in advance for your name to appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin.

For more information, contact Carol Willey at 248-217-0895 or mysadie19@gmail.com Checks may be made payable to Carol Willey.

### Worship

If you are unable to attend church in person, remember that a video of our Sunday service is posted on our church website, hpfirst.org, every week by Monday morning.

We also have a dedicated phone line where you can listen to our Sunday Worship service without the need for computer or internet. All you need to do is call 248-216-1651 to hear our Sunday worship service. Please let others who need to hear God's word proclaimed know about this service.

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the church office by Sunday evening. Leave a voice message at 248-546-5955, put a note in the mailbox on the office door, or send an email to hazelparkfirst@wowway.com . **Thank You!**

**Hearing Assistance Equipment is Available.**

**If you would like to use the equipment,  
please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist you.**

Brian is available by phone/text at 269-274-0029 or by e-mail, except on Friday's.

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazel Park is to embrace every generation with the love of Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship that spiritually and physically enriches the individual, the community and the world.

**Rev. Brian Steele**

*Matt Sarns, Praise Team Director*

*Harriet Hardy, Organist*

*Ashley Detoledo Secretary*



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**People: Here, the poor are made rich.**

Pastor: The hungry are fed.

**People: Those who search for righteousness drink their fill.**

Pastor: The meek inherit the earth.

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Pastor: The pure of heart see God.

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### **The Great Thanksgiving:**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, bringer of justice and righteousness. In ancient days, you created us in your image, to be reflections of justice and peace in your world. When we fell short and wandered away from your path of righteousness and love, you held our hand and walked with us in mercy and compassion. You called us to be your people and invited us to walk humbly beside you. Even when we turned away, you continued to walk with us, calling us back to your path of justice and love, through the words of your prophets, and the visions of your poets and storytellers. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to reveal your gracious presence in the world, and show us the way of peace. You anoint us with your blessing and trust, and call us to bless our communities with your love, your compassion, your justice, and your truth. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: With joy and gratitude, we break this bread, remembering the many times Jesus blessed his disciples in the breaking of the bread. In remembrance and celebration, we will take and eat this bread and enter into your presence--a presence that fills our souls and leaves us satisfied. With joy and gratitude, we fill this cup, remembering the many times Jesus poured out his love and compassion for the world.

In remembrance and celebration, we will drink from this cup, and enter into your presence--a presence that overflows in our lives, inviting us to bless others as you have blessed us.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as your humble servants. In remembrance of the Prince of Peace, we walk with you in justice and compassion, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on our fellowship, that we may be blessed with your love, your justice and your peace. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may nourish us with your justice and your peace.

Guide us in your Spirit, that we may walk humbly by your side. Make us one with Christ in compassion and mercy, one with each other in justice and kindness, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore.

Amen.

Prayer Over Communion Elements

Unison —The Lord's Prayer

Come to the Table of Grace

Overhead

Breaking of the bread

Blessing of the grape juice

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