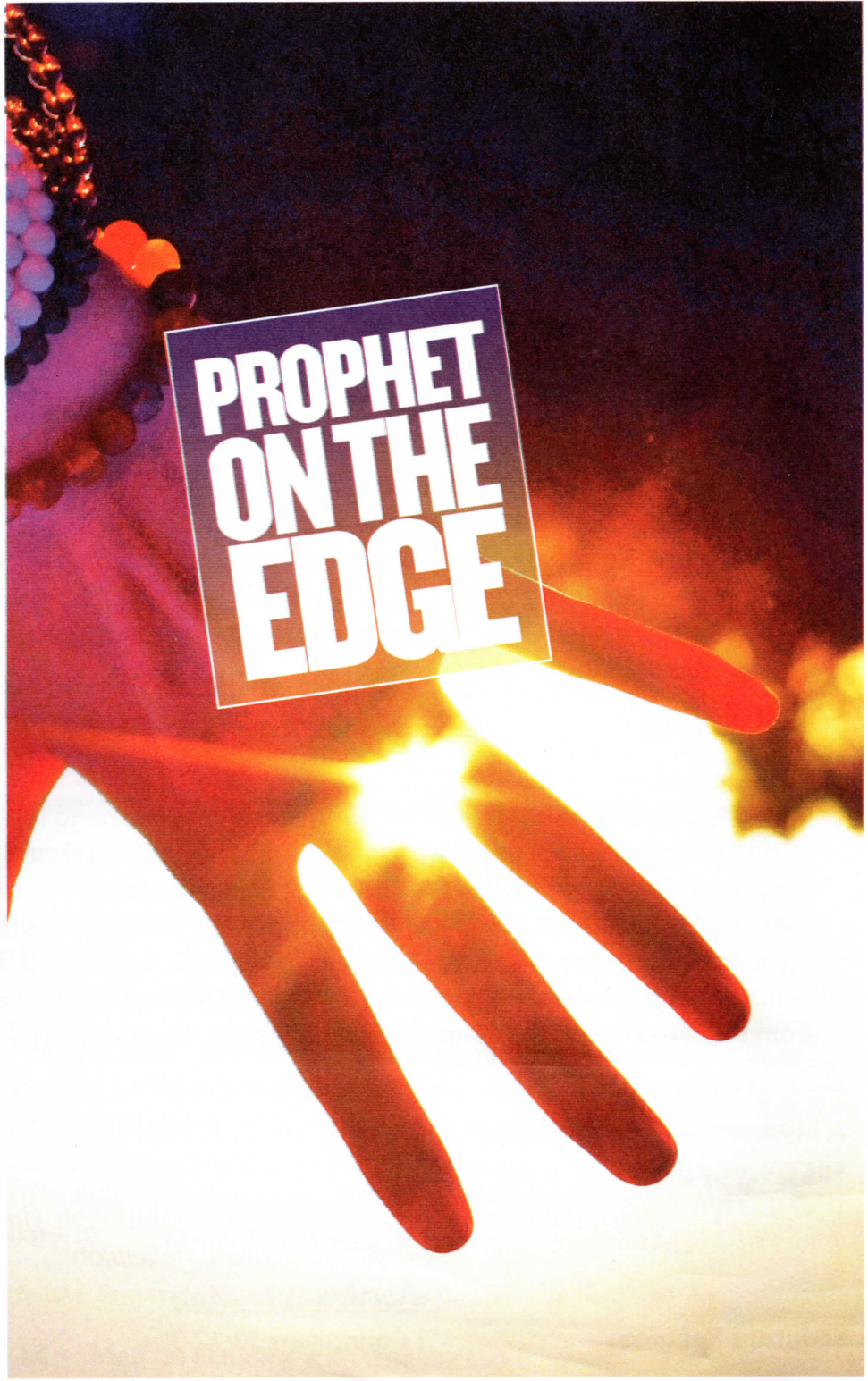
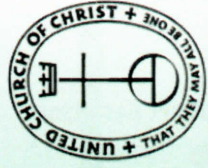


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# Gathering ~ for Worship

February 3, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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## Preparing

**Organ Prelude**

K. Robert Bengtson

**Meditative Thought** *“What makes us human is not our mind but our heart;  
not our ability to think but our ability to love.”* - Henri J. M. Nouwen

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** *“We Gather Together”* Chancel Choir

## Praising

**Call to Worship** (seated Congregation respond with bold print.)

As God’s people, we have gathered. Some us may be discouraged and dismayed, others perhaps delighted and pleased with life.

**Let us sit together, sharing the solace of silence.**

Let us possess the peace of God’s presence and be wrapped in the warmth of God’s presence.

**Let us be comforted and quieted, prepared for communion with God and fellowship with one another.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *“In Solitude”* # 521

**Invocation** (unison)

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen***

**Musical Offering** *“Praise Ye the Lord”* Chancel Choir

**A Moment with our Children** Rev. Paula Gile

**\*Passing of the Peace & the Gloria**

*Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah, Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah, Halle,  
Halle, Hall-lu-jah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

## Reflecting & Praying

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**Sermon**

*"Belonging"*

Rev. Neil Wilson

**Meditative Moment**

**Prayer Preparation**

*"O, Lord, Hear My Prayer"*

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*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.*

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

(Yellow prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.)

**Prayer Response**

*"Amen"*

Chancel Choir

**Committing**

**Stewardship Invitation & Response**

**Offertory**

*"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"*

Chancel Choir

**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, you heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

**\*Prayer of Consecration/Dedication** (unison)

**Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but to seek your wisdom.**

**Knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Assurance**

**Communion Prayer**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Going to Serve**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*"Help Us Accept Each Other"*

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**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

*"Be the Change"*

**Organ Postlude**

**\*Rise, if able and moved.**

## **This Week's Committee Meetings and Gatherings**

- Today, Feb. 3 - 10:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice  
Greeters Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
4:00 p.m. Channel 25 Worship Broadcast  
9:30 p.m. Channel 25 Worship Broadcast
- Monday, Feb. 4 - 4:00 p.m. Channel 25 Worship Broadcast
- Tuesday, Feb. 5 - Noon & Book Club/Discussion:  
6:30 p.m. *Canoeing the Mountains*  
6:30 p.m. Membership Comm. Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Stitches of Love Knitting Circle
- Wednesday, Feb. 6 - 6:30 p.m. Outreach Comm. Meeting
- Thursday, Feb. 7 - 2:00 p.m. Communion @ Taylor Community  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Friday Feb. 8 - 1:00 p.m. Communications Committee
- Next Sunday, Feb. 10 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

## **Some Announcements**

Book Study "*Canoeing the Mountains*" Tuesdays February 5 and 19, March 5 . There are two options noon or 6:30 p.m. Books can be purchased in the church office for \$15, or can be ordered on Amazon.com. Scholarships are available.

**Sharing a Legacy Planning Series** The Stewardship Committee has organized a series of three information sessions which address important components of legacy planning and sharing. These information sessions will be held on the second Sunday of the months of February, March, and April. The talks will be held in the Church Library at 11:00, immediately following coffee hour. Each session will last about one hour. We invite you to attend.

February 10 - Wills and Trusts with Pat Wood

March 10 - Funeral Planning with Craig Beane

April 14 - Medical Planning with Oriana Filiault