

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, Human Relations Day

January 15, 2017 8:30 am

"God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Songs **"Praise God for This Holy Ground"** **W&S 3009**
 "You Are My All in All" **W&S 3040**

Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song **"Come, Holy Spirit"** (v. 1) **W&S 3092**

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

"Holy God, may our lives be like polished arrows in the quiver of Your love; may our intentions be pure and may our words be true, as we proclaim Your salvation. Call us once again, O God, as You called Isaiah, to deliver news of Your goodness and mercy into a world of brokenness and pain. May Your salvation reach the ends of the earth, Your mercy to the farthest shores. Amen."

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Song **"Come, Holy Spirit"** (v. 2) **W&S 3092**

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Moment

Old Testament **Isaiah** **49: 1-7**
Gospel Reading **John** **1: 29-42** Karen Eggert

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message **"What Are You Seeking?"** Rev. Wayne Chung

God works through people. John witnessed to Andrew, who witnessed to his brother, Simon. Through witnesses, God's salvation will reach to the ends of the earth. "Come and see!"

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

Responsorial Prayer (in unison)

"Merciful God, it is easy to succumb to despair, fearing we will never really make a difference. Ease our minds and heal our broken spirits. Remind us that though we may not speak words like Isaiah, we can still invite others onto the journey with us, as Andrew invited his brother Simon to meet Jesus. Give us the courage and the faith to boldly proclaim: 'Come and see!' Amen."

Giving in Response to God's Love

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering **"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"** **TFWS 2036**

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

*Closing Song **"Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land"** **W&S 3161**

*Sending Forth with God's Blessing

Response "Go now in peace, Go now in peace,
 May the love of God surround you
 Everywhere, everywhere you may go."

Postlude

Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Family and Friends of Jim Daniels who passed away on January 6, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Sarah Stallings, Jerome Stallings, Shirley Wood, Minerva Moreland, Carl Stallings, Sr., Laura Wise – sister of Donna Nestor, Diana Marshall – niece of Martha Wooldridge, Ove Kongsted – father of Debbie Holloway, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Those who travel

Today's altar flowers are presented with love by Kathy Thorne, Shari Thorne-Sulima & Jim Sulima and Karen, Doug, Nicholas & Cameron Boyd in celebration of Wayne Thorne's 80th birthday on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. We love you, Big Wayne!

