

# 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2017 11:00 am

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

**Prelude** "Near to the Heart of God" (arr. Smith) Sandy Griese

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

L: Happy are those who walk blamelessly before God.

**P: Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.**

L: Happy are those who seek God with pure hearts.

**P: Blessed are those who take shelter in God's teachings.**

L: Happy are those who come together in unity.

**P: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

## Lighting of the Candles

### \*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**"Bless us, Holy One, and lead us in the ways that lead to life. Speak to us once more Your words of life, and feed us with spiritual food, that we may grow strong in faith and deep in loving kindness. Amen."**

## Blessings over the Prayer Shawls

**Anthem** "Colors of the Rainbow" & "Rat-a-tat-tat"  
Two year old & Preschool Sunday School Classes

## Children's Message

**Hymn Response** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

### Prayer of Petition (in unison)

**"Holy Spirit, guide us to walk in Your ways, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from Your love. When we choose sides and forsake our bonds of unity, call us together and bind us with Your Spirit. Feed us with the milk and the solid food of Your grace so that our words and deeds bring life and faith to others. Amen."**

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

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Jay Lounsbury  
**Gospel Reading** Matthew 5: 21-37  
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Faith** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH 462

**Message** "God Who Makes It Grow" Rev. Wayne Chung  
*"Do not murder"-- we heard it. "Do not covet"-- we read it! Yet, Jesus teaches way different interpretation of God's laws. It's all about relationships. "Are you not mere infants now that you don't get along with others?" Where does the growth come from?*

## Giving in Response to God's Love Offertory

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**\*Closing Hymn** "I Surrender All" UMH 354

## Sending Forth God's Light and Love

**\*Hymn Response** "Amen" UMH 898

**Postlude** "A Joyous Acclamation" (Lanist) Sandy Griese

## Lection Reading for Following Sunday

Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

**Our Prayers:** Deloras Ward, Carole Butler & family following the death of Carole's mother, Joan Windland's sister Linda Hardy, Ken Reynolds, 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, Debbie Holloway's mother having surgery this week, Jack Dorsey, Kathy Wallace, Bill Fowler, Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Those who travel

