SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 20, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Steven Phillips

INTROIT — *Adoramus* — Matthew Gawronski
(The Chancel Choir)

Glorificamus te! Benedicimus te! Adoramus!
We glorify you! We bless you! We adore!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Psalm 92:1-4 and Psalm 95:1-2
Becky Fingerle

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
with music and song!

It is good to sing praise to you,
and make music to your name, O Most High;
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.
For you make us glad by your deeds, O God;
we sing for joy at the work of your hands.

*** HYMN 744** — *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* — Festal Song

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

God of our ancestors,
disturber of our dreams,
tiller of our settled plans,
lover of our souls—
forgive us for acting as though you are not still
creating, redeeming, and sustaining your world.
Come to us now.
Have your way with us.
Ready us for service.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SONG OF JOY**

From all the dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land in every tongue,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:27-38

SERMON *A Glimpse of the Party* Margaret LaMotte Torrence

***HYMN 401** *Here in This Place* Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song. ***(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)***

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
Becky Fingerle

**So, if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!
All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
So we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

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 us 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.

***HYMN 295** *Go to the World!* Sine Nomine

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.

***BENEDICTION** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Charles Callahan