



# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## JANUARY 14, 2024

### 11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME AND INVITATION

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

### INTROIT

*Speak, Lord*  
(The Chancel Choir)

by Tom Trenney

You are the way, the truth, and the life.  
You are our hope, our victory o'er the strife.  
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.  
Bringing good news to the oppressed,  
you call us to set the captive free.

#### Refrain

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.  
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.  
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.  
Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart,  
to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.  
You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream  
till justice rolls down like water,  
righteousness like a mighty stream. (Refrain)

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.  
Help us hear the beauty of a language not our own.  
Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.  
When we love each other, you are seen and known. (Refrain)

Psalm 85

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Olshewsky

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak  
**For he will speak peace to his people.**  
Surely our prayers will be answered.  
**Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;**  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

### \*HYMN 673

*Jesus, Light of Joy*

LAUDA ANIMA

Jesus, light of joy, surround us;  
let your splendid glory shine:  
source of every earthly blessing,  
heaven's everlasting sign.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we adore you, light divine. *(continued next page)*

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Now the shadows fall around us;  
now the evening has begun:  
still your gracious light is with us,  
brighter than the morning sun.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
God of glory, Three-in-One.

With the saints we lift our voices,  
God of power, God of might.  
All creation shines with glory,  
singing praises day and night:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
holy, holy, holy light.

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God,  
you invite us to rejoice,  
but we are more comfortable with judgment.  
You invite us to change,  
but we are more comfortable with the way things are.  
You invite us to follow,  
but we are more comfortable cheering from a distance.  
Forgive us, O Lord,  
for our shallow faith,  
our dull imagination,  
and our inconsistent love.  
Free us from our fears so that we  
may follow you joyfully  
and without reservation.**

*(a moment for silent reflection)*

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*SONG OF JOY 538** (v. 2) *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

HAELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

**Refrain:**

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out,  
strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt.  
Tell to all the joyful gospel. (Refrain)

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### **LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**RECOGNITION FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE - CHERYL TRACK**

**MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**

Dave Householder

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 2:1-22

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*The Fast and the Furious*

Rev. Boggess

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Steven Phillips

**\*DOXOLOGY 607**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Janet Olshewsky

**We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation.  
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community  
in which we are reconciled to God and to one another.  
The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another  
and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.  
We believe that in spite of our sin,  
the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ  
and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 749

*Come, Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom  
of the city of God.

#### **Refrain:**

We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called  
to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence  
will be no more. (Refrain)

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign,  
and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers  
united in love. (Refrain)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

### POSTLUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Charles Callahan

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.



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