SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 13, 2022
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRELUDE *Breathe* Marie Barnett / arr. Douglas Wagner
(The Handbell Choir)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Jeremiah 17:7-8
James Jordan

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green.

In the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

*** HYMN 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Holy One,

We live in a world that measures blessing by the
balances in our accounts,
"likes" on our posts,
square footage we can claim,
options at our disposal.
We strive and strive, but are not satisfied.

Merciful God,
yours is a different economy.
Meet us in this hour.
Open our hearts to a different kind of reckoning;
lead us into life.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SONG OF JOY** *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow* Old Hundredth

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

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* Bob Chilcott
(The Chancel Choir)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
Be thou ever with thee and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great father and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, still be my vision;
Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:17-26

SERMON *World Upside Down* Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed
James Jordan

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN 547** *Go, My Children with My Blessing* Ar Hyd y Nos

Go, my children, with my blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure. *(continued on next page)*

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
Closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

***BENEDICTION** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE *Indescribable* Laura Story/arr. Douglas Wagner
(The Handbell Choir)