

ORDER OF WORSHIP – January 29, 2023

EPIPHANY RING

Joseph D'Eugenio

WELCOME

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kirsten Sullivan

One: Come all who are poor in spirit, all who mourn and all who are meek.

All: **For the Lord, our God, provides comfort and rest.**

One: Come all who are hungry, and all who thirst for righteousness.

All: **For the Lord, our God, nourishes our souls.**

One: Come all who yearn to know mercy and pureness of heart.

All: **For the Lord, our God, calls us each to be blessed.**

One: Let us rejoice and be glad, for our reward is in God,

All: **Whom we worship together with joy!**

*HYMN

Come Away from Rush and Hurry, 655

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

One: Let us join hearts and voices in affirming our Epiphany faith:

All: **We believe in a bright and amazing God, who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf; who has risen in splendor and majesty; who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear light, twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over again.**

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world; that God believes in us and trusts us, even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.

We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as sisters and brothers, and to the Maker's business in this world: love and laughter, peace and justice. Amen!

*GLORIA

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us exchange words and signs of peace

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

The Kingdom of God

S. Lawrence

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***GOSPEL RESPONSE**

One: For the Word of God in Scripture -
For the Word of God among us -
For the Word of God within us -

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God Bless You”

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

TIME FOR BLESSING

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing, 719

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Flowers are dedicated to Bill, Sharon and Karen Grime from Cheryl Grime