



Second Sunday After Epiphany Traditional Service January 16, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *Andante Religioso* from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God;

People: your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.

Leader: All people may feast upon the abundance of your house;

People: you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: for with you, Lord, is the fountain of life;

People: in your light we see light. So come, let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

#423

DUKE STREET

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest
song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Gracious and Loving God, it is so easy for us to fall into the trap of scarcity. We focus our attention on what we do not have; we strive for what others have that we want, and we overlook those who do not have enough. Forgive us, and help us to recognize the overflowing abundance of grace that you give to us. Give us the faith to share what we have with others, and to trust in your never-failing grace and love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11

Phil Fair

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Wait for It"

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#70

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

CAITHNESS

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.

2 God called you, ""My beloved Son"";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heaven,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will do to.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Song of Peace

Eric Thiman

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

#436

We Are Your People

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

WHITFIELD

1 We are your people:
Lord, by Your grace,
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors
of every nation and race.

2 Called to portray You, help us to live
Closer than neighbors, open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.

3 Glad of tradition, help us to see
In all life's changing where You are leading,
Where our best efforts should be.

5 Lord, as we minister in different ways,
May all we're doing show that you're
living, meeting Your love with our praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rigaudon

Gordon Young

Announcements:

- Looking ahead: The church building, office, and Preschool will close in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday on Monday, January 17.
- On Sunday, January 30 we will gather for a Combined Worship Service at 10 a.m., followed by the annual Congregational Meeting

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