

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."

~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing J. Wyeth, setting J. Raney

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Sing Glory to the Name of God GG: 10

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

All: God has called each of us before we were even born.

One: It was God who named us.

All: It is God who claims us.

One: The light of God's love shines in us.

All: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*HYMN

O for a World GG: 372

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (A Prayer of Martin Luther King Jr.)

Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In

the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(A moment for silent examination and confession.)

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our God, who is merciful and abounding in steadfast love, will always forgive our transgressions and shortcomings.

All: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* (sing 2x) GG: 107

**All: Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
For angels herald its dawning.**

**Sing out your joy, for now he is born, behold!
The child of our longing.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace arr. Jack Schrader

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant GG: 727

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:6-14, pg. 534

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-22, pg. 36

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Paralyzed”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want To Be A Christian

Spiritual arr. Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

tune GG: 606

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

We Shall Overcome

GG: 379

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

GG: 107

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O When Shall I See Jesus

traditional American Melody

*All who are able please stand.

***Latecomers seated.