

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

6th Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"All desires but one can fail. The only desire that is infallibly fulfilled is the desire to be loved by God."
~ Thomas Merton

PRELUDE

Come Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, thank you for this day.

All: Thank you for this life.

One: Thank you for your love.

All: Thank you for loving us into these next 24 hours.

We love you, Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GG: 475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Teacher Jesus, too often we blame external people and situations for our heartaches and brokenness. Help us to look inward to uncover and heal the things that defile: bitterness, hatred, jealousy, and greed. Help us instead to be agents of peace, hope, generosity, and love.
Amen.**

(A moment for silent examination and confession.)

Amen

ASURANCE OF PARDON

One: May we have the power to comprehend with all the saints - what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. May we believe the good news of the Gospel: that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

GG: 458

**All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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*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

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

GG: 423

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51:1-3, 6-7, pg. 520

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:1-23, pg. 42

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able please stand.

***Latecomers seated.

SERMON

“What Does Your Heart Say?”

Rev. Cari Pattison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Brother James' Air

J. L. Macbeth Bain

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

GG: 833

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Dialogue

Alice Jordan