

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.*  
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

*Intermezzo in E Major*

Brahms

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

**All: We understand that Christ was creative, speaking within all the universe.**

One: John says that in Christ was life, life that was light which could not be overcome.

**All: John's image portrays impossible possibility—that good shall not be overwhelmed by evil.**

One: The human being who was preexistent Word and true light was also rejected by the world and ill-received by his own neighbors.

**All: We worship the Son of God and the man of Nazareth—Jesus, who gives us power to become children of God.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

GG: 339

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 29:10-13, pg. 731

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Jesus Christ, God with us, you came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. We have not always lived up to your expectations for us. We confess that too often we are**

**--Impoverished of spirit. Grant us the fullness of your grace.**

**--Wrapped up in ourselves. Open us to others.**

**--Slow to learn. Teach us of your ever-expanding truth.**

**--Proud over little. Whet our hunger and thirst for justice.**

**--Scattered like grains of the field. Gather us into a single loaf.**

**--Distracted of mind. Direct us to what is most important: your love for us, your will for our lives, and your sustaining Presence in every circumstance, Amen.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

One: May the God of all mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

**All: Amen!**

\*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 in peaceful gestures.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

*I Sing The Mighty Power of God*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE: John 1: 1-14, pg. 91

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Beginnings”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

SHARING 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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

GG: 552

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Musical Offering *Adagio* from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major

Bach

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

GG: 317

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in G Major*

Bach