

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I need a God who is bigger and more nimble and mysterious than what I could understand and contrive. Otherwise, it can feel like I am worshipping nothing more than my own ability to understand the divine.
~ Nadia Bolz-Weber

PRELUDE *Sarabande WoO, posth. 5, No. 1* Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Sing Alleluia* Sue Ellen Page
Joyful Noise Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come seeking the holy love of God, that we may become whole and loving.

All: As Jesus Christ has shared the life of earth, through Christ we may share the life of God, in growing holiness, justice, and love.

One: In awe, we rejoice in sharing life with God in Christ.

All: In thanksgiving, let us worship God this holy day!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *Lord, Make Us More Holy* GG: 313

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 34:29-35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of mercy and hope, we confess that we come with mixed thoughts and uncertain dreams. We could not meet our daily needs without the labor of others; yet we take them for granted. We are offended by slight offenses against us and hardly consider our neglect of your Word, our patience with evil, and our slowness

to act for others. We could not sense the beauty or meaning of life without your Spirit, yet we have not noticed the signs of the eternal in the ordinary moments of our lives. We have not allowed our habits and perceptions to be transfigured by the glory of your grace and presence. Grant us a taste of your love so we may acquire an appetite for justice and a capacity for fulfillment. Wake us up, O Lord, that we might listen and see, and hear and do.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Our prayers are accepted; our lives our forgiven.

All: Christ is revealed to us and with awe we recognize our incredible value in God's love.

*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 *Song of Peace* arr. Mary Donnelly
Joyful Noise and Adult Choirs

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* GG: 366

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:28-36

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Divine Mystery”

Pastor Abbie Huff

*All who are able please stand.

***Latecomers seated

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart (arr. Ernst Stabf)

*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.

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

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

GG: 192

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

POSTLUDE

Gigue En Rondeau

Jean-Phillippe Rameau