ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 16, 2022 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

+HYMN #634 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1,5)

GREETING

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also, with you.
- + KYRIE pg. 138
- + HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 "This is the feast..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord God,

C: source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG: "When the Stars Burn Down" led by Praise Team

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, so shall your God rejoice over you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord: ⁶and there are varieties of activities. but it is the

same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 2

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells vou." 6Now standing there were six stone water iars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So, they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM:" The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN # 310 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (vs. 1,3)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ NICENE CREED pg. 104

THE PRAYERS pg. 143

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer**.")

OFFERING - Music "Drops in the Ocean" by Praise Team

OFFERTORY - **#182** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

MEAL

- + Offering Prayer: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.
- +The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144
- +Words of Institution
- + The Lord's Prayer pg. 145 (right hand column)

Communion

Prayer after Communion: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

- L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.
- C: Amen.
- **+HYMN # 825 -** You Servants of God (vs.1,4)

+DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? **READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 145, The Greatness and Goodness of God Tuesday, Matthew 16:13-19, Peter's Confession Wednesday, Luke 5:33-39, The Question about Fasting Thursday, Psalm 19, God's Glory in Creation and Law Friday, Romans 12:1-8, The New Life in Christ Saturday, Luke 2:39-52, The Boy Jesus in the Temple

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

"Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." John 2:11

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

- How does this wedding miracle, this story of abundance, speak grace to you today? (John 2:9-10)
- When have you felt cut off from God, forsaken by the divine? (Isaiah 62:4)
- Who has recognized a gift in you, and what was it? (1 Cor 12:1-11)

PRAY: Almighty God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESS: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. Amen.