

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday February 13, 2022 | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ones” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

L: Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen

HYMN: #520 – Dearest Jesus, At Your Word (vs. 1, 3)

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. 139 “Glory to God in the highest...”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Living God,

C: in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG: “*In the Secret*” by Praise Team

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

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

L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 6

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

Choir Anthem - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

The lyrics to this beloved gospel song were written by Thomas A. Dorsey, who is considered to be the "Father of Gospel Music." (not to be confused with Tommy Dorsey of big band fame)

Mr. Dorsey wrote these words in his despair after the loss of his young wife and infant son in childbirth. The choir's anthem this morning correlates with the Beatitude verse "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN #728 *Blest Are They* (v. 1, 2 & 3)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ APOSTLES' CREED (pg. 105)

OFFERING – Music “*Beautiful Things*” by Praise Team

OFFERTORY #186 “*Create in me...*”

THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

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

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

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.

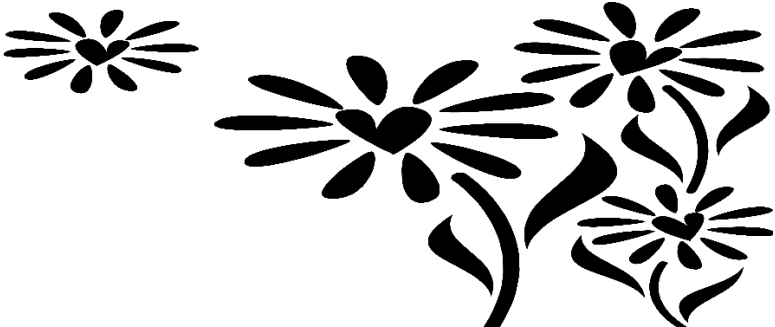
C: Amen.

+HYMN #669 – *Rise Up, O Saints of God* (vs. 1, 3, 4 &5)

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 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 120, Prayer for Deliverance

Tuesday, 2 Corinthians 1:12-19, Delay of Paul's Visit

Wednesday, Jeremiah 22:11-17, Message for Josiah's Sons

Thursday, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, Exhortation to Trust

Friday, 1 John 2:7-17, A New Commandment

Saturday, Luke 12:57-59, Settling with Your Opponent

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

**“Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.” –Luke 6:20**

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

- What promise do you hear from Jesus for your own life? (Luke 6)
- How do we, like the psalmist, tend to the strength of our soul? (Psalm 138:3)
- When in worship are you reminded of how Christ's and your resurrection are bound together? (1 Cor 15:12-20)

PRAY: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESS: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.