



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018



Prelude

"Andantino"

from Pastorale by César Franck

Westminster Peal

Choral Call to Worship

"Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator"

by Tilly Lubis, David Diephouse, Batak Melody arr. H.A. Pandopo

Praise the Lord, all mountains and oceans, rolling thunder and wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Maker, all living creatures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! Both young and old, come and join in the song.

Gathering as the Children of God

Elder Joy Carden

One: Who are we?

All: *We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.*

One: Why has God chosen us?

All: *In order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.*

† **Opening Hymn No. 411**

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Carden

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We are astonished by the mandate and the scope of the ministry you have placed before us. It is what we have hoped for and also what we have feared. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Carden

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

"Arise, Your Light is Come" is a hymn based on Isaiah 61:1-2. During the gospel lesson, you will hear the story of Jesus' first public proclamation which was based on this prophetic text.

† **Response** "Glory to the Father" (hymn no. 567)
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.*



Prayer for Illumination Elizabeth Small

Scripture Lesson (p. 57NT) Luke 4:16-30 Elizabeth Small

Anthem/Special Music "Psalm 98" by Jane Marshall

*O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn!
Make a joyful noise before the Lord, before the King!*

Scripture Lesson (p. 656OT) Jeremiah 1:4-10 Rev. Mary Jane Cornell

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Claimed, Called, Saved...for What? Rev. Cornell

† **Affirmation of Faith** From A Brief Statement of Faith Rev. Cornell

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



† **Passing of the Peace** Rev. Cornell

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

"The people respond to the proclamation of the Word by affirming the faith. The faith of the church both shapes our lives and expresses the hope and expectancy that are a part of the Christian life. From early in the church's life, an affirmation of faith has been central in corporate worship. Candidates for Baptism gave assent to the faith in the words of the Creed, and upon their baptism were admitted to the Eucharist. As those who are baptized, whenever we say the creed we reaffirm the profession of faith made in our baptism." From the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship

† Hymn No. 419

"How Clear is Our Vocation Lord"

Church Family Life

Elizabeth Small

Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ricardo Green



Moved by the Spirit

Zambia Scholarship Fund

Hannah Hagenau, Katieanne Peterson, and Jack McGuire

Offering

Offertory

"Offertory in E Flat"

by Theodore Dubois

† **Response**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

The Doxology

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Green

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.

† **Closing Hymn No. 369**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

† **Benediction**

Rev. Cornell

† **Congregational Response**

"Amen"

(hymn no. 586)

† **Postlude**

"Präludium in C Major"

by Dietrich Buxtehude

† Those who are able, please stand

"Christian tradition has regarded [the Lord's Prayer] as a prayer that sums up all our petitions, appropriate for all occasions. From the time of the Didache (late first or early second century), the Lord's Prayer has held a privileged place among Christian prayers. As adult candidates were prepared for baptism, the Lord's Prayer was "handed over" and expounded to them along with the creed as an integral part of their catechesis... The sixteenth-century reformers, with their emphasis on edification, retained this expectation and used the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments as the basis for their catechisms." From "The Lord's Prayer in Worship" by B.D. Stuhlman

Wholehearted worship is our goal for everyone in the congregation. To make this possible for parents, we provide child care for young children from 8:45 am - 12:15 pm. We welcome children and encourage their participation in worship. During the sermon (at the 11:00 am service), elementary aged children are welcome to participate in activities in the Chapel and then return to the sanctuary after the sermon. For infants and younger children, childcare is available in the Nursery, which is located downstairs (Rm 120).

MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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