



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 20, 2019

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. by Lloyd Larson

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Introit

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

by Carl Daw, Jr., Jakob Hintze, J.S. Bach

*Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.*

† Gathering as the Children of God

Elizabeth Small

One: We have been called.

All: Called to be the church.

One: We have been given gifts.

All: Many gifts, all for the same purpose.

One: To model the new way of being that God has planned for us all.

All: Then let us together, this hour, worship God with this same spirit.

† Hymn No. 466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

† Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Mary McClurg

**Rock of our salvation,
we know the faults we try to hide from you and others.
We have not cared for all people in the same way.
We do think some are more gifted, or better, or prettier.
We are more willing to rejoice with someone,
than to suffer with another.
We are not sure the prisoners should be set free,
or the poor given hope.
Redeemer of all people forgive us.
Anoint us with your Spirit's power
so our eyes might be opened and our ears freed to listen
to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
teaches us about your love and grace for all people.
Amen.**

† Those who are able, please stand

† **Assurance of Pardon** Elder McClurg

One: Hear the Good News: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to the One who is our joy and our strength. Amen.

† **Response** (Hymn no. 567)

"Glory to the Father"

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.

† **Passing of the Peace** Elder McClurg

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Elizabeth Small

Old Testament Scripture (p. 482 OT) Psalm 36:5-10 Elizabeth Small

Anthem/Special Music *"Be Strong in the Lord"* by Brad Nix, Roger Price

Be strong in the Lord, trust in Him in all your ways.

Be strong in the Lord, serve Him for all of your days

Whatever path you travel, wherever you may go,

God will be your Shepherd. You'll never walk alone.

Mountains may rise before you. Storms may be fierce and strong.

Shadows may gather round you when the night is long.

New Testament Scripture (pg. 163 NT) 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Why the Church?"* Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† Hymn No. 315

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"The Swan"

by Camille Saint-Saëns

† Response

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Haynes

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.

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 322 (*sung twice*)

"Spirit of the Living God"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response (*hymn no. 588*)

"Amen"

† Postlude

"Op. 23 No. 7, c minor"

by Rachmaninoff

† Those who are able, please stand

In Memory

Bill Attaway

August 30, 1940 - January 13, 2019



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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