



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 17, 2019

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"I Love Thee"

arr. by Ellen Kerrick

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Elizabeth Small

Choral Introit

"Psalm 1"

by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Man blest no doubt, who walk'th not out, in wicked men's affairs;
And stand'th no day, in sinners' way, nor sitt'th in scorners' chairs;
But hath his will in God's law still, this law to love aright;
And will him use, on it to muse, to keep it day and night.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God** (Inspired by Psalm 33)

Jeanne Mielke

Leader: Come now, family of God!

People: *Let us rejoice that we can be here in this place with our God!*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous!

People: *It is good for the just to sing praises to God.*

Leader: For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are sure.

People: *He loves righteousness and justice; the lovingkindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.*

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord.

People: *He is our help and shield.*

All: *Our hearts rejoice in God, and we put all of our trust in him!*

† **Hymn No. 298**

"There's a Wideness is God's Mercy"

† **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Jeanne Mielke

Blessed are you, God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image, and called us to dwell in your infinite love. But we have failed to honor that image in one another and ourselves. We have abused your creation and rejected your love. We have sought to control our circumstances and our lives instead of giving that control to you. Help us to remember your love and care for us that never ceases, and how you always want only the very best for us. Teach us to give you control of our lives and our hearts. Help us to refrain our tongues from speaking negative ideas or thoughts and to retrain them to speak your words of acceptance and grace. Thank you for loving us endlessly, and forgive us of our sins so that we might worship you with whole and clean hearts.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

Jeanne Mielke

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

† **Response**

"Gloria Patri"

(Hymn no. 579)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

† **Passing of the Peace**

Jeanne Mielke

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson (p. 206 NT)

Hebrews 4:15-16

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem/Special Music

"Benedictus vir"

by Matthias Young

Sermon

"Carry You Home"

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

Hymnal pg. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

† **Hymn No. 310**

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Prayers of the People

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Moved by the Spirit

Family Promise

Moira Speirs

Offering

Offertory

"The Church Is One Foundation"

arr. By Mark Hayes

† **Doxology** (hymn #592)

"Old Hundredth"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

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. 280**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

† **Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction**

"A Gaelic Blessing"

† **Postlude**

"Fanfare"

by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

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- 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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