



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude *"Sheep May Safely Graze," BWV 208* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Introit *"Protection"* Oliver Holden (1765-1844)

† Gathering as the Children of God Rev. Haynes

One: The enemy:

All: *love them.*

One: The oppressor:

All: *walk the mile with them.*

One: The Master:

All: *turn the other cheek to them.*

One: This rebellious faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who
bully are loved back to justice by the bullied

All: *But this is heaven's revolution and we are called into it.*

Come let us worship love's rebel, Jesus.

† Hymn No. 483 *"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"*

† Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Steve Whisenant

***Merciful God, we confess that we have not
followed your ways or trusted your promises.***

***We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.***

Forgive us, Lord.

Fill our hearts with your selfless love.

Change our lives by your matchless grace.

These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon Steve Whisenant

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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Mike Gillespie

Old Testament Scripture Lesson (p. 483 OT) Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Mike Gillespie

Anthem/Special Music *"In Paradisum"* Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
*May the angels lead you into paradise
May the martyrs receive you
In your coming
And may they guide you
Into the holy city, Jerusalem
May the chorus of angels receive you
And with Lazarus once poor
May you have eternal rest*

New Testament Scripture Lesson (p. 60 NT)
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon *"A Third Way"* Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Rev. Haynes
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn No. 347 *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

Prayers of the People Rev. Haynes

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

"Prelude and Fugue in F Minor," BWV 881

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

† **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.

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. 354**

"Guide My Feet"

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Choral Benediction**

"Sevenfold Amen"

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

† **Postlude**

"Will o' the Wisp"

G. B. Nevin (1892-1943)

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