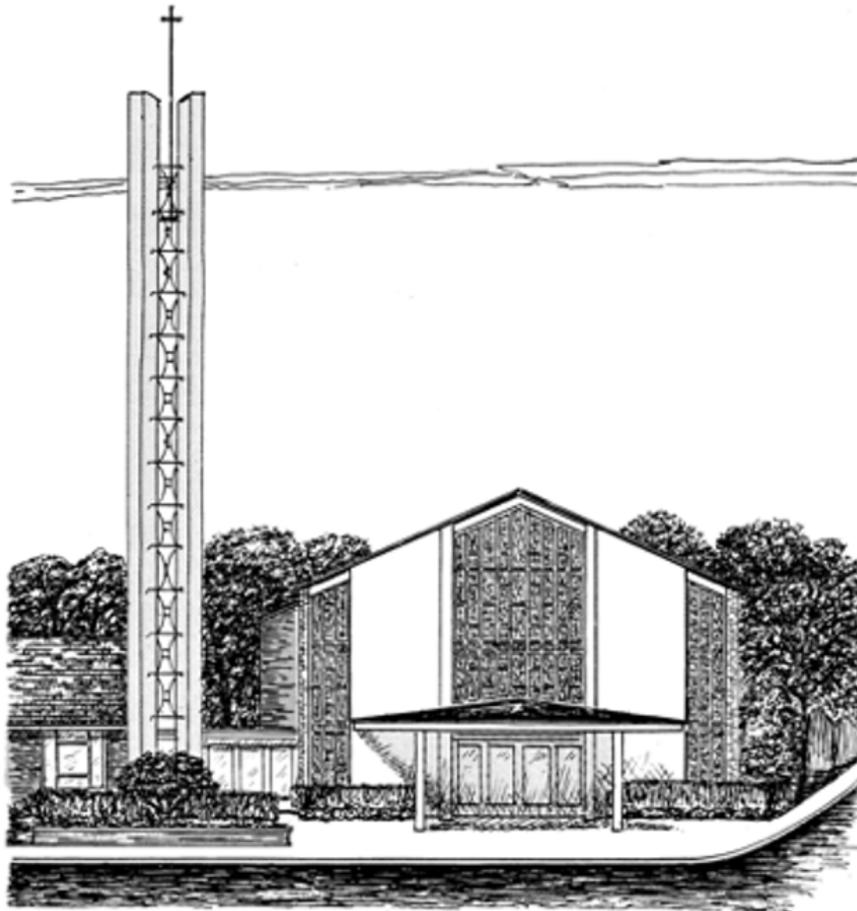


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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Opening Ourselves to Worship

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship (People's response in **bold**.)

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

The Children's Time to Lead Us

Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Sermon

Rev. Lorrin Radzik

Affirmation of Faith

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**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Transforming Our Lives & the World

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for all the earth, the church, and all those in need, saying, God of grace, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world: for leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity will prevail for the good of all people, especially the poor; for regions torn by conflict, that peace may reign and living become an enterprise of construction rather than destruction;

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all people of faith: for the unity of the body of Christ, that divisions might not turn people away from the church; for people of all religions, that wherever prayers are raised up, the one God of all will hear; for all people who nurture life in the name of a greater good; God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own nation: for the president and Congress, the Supreme Court and all judges, for state governments, city councils, school boards, and all who have power to make policy, that all consideration be given to what is most healthy for people and creatures; God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those in need: for all who are hungry in our nation and world, for those who have no home and no employment, for those who are either unjustly or justly imprisoned, for parents and children who live in fear for any reason, and for all who are in mourning; God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all other concerns of this assembly now spoken aloud or silently: *[A time of silence is kept.]* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember all those who have shaped us in your ways, O God. Receive our prayers and grant whatever you see that your people need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Time of Silent Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. Amen.

Proclamation of Thanksgiving – Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: It is God that made us, and we belong to God; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless God's holy name.

People: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Benediction

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