

Our Mission: Shining God's light by ... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

> Sunday, February 12, 2023 9:30 am Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

REFLECTION

"For him (Peter), the revelation of Christ was destined to happen in the midst of creation itself, and it was here that Christians were called to be a priestly community in anticipation of the even." -Daniel G. Deffenbaug

PRELUDE

"Adoration"

Florence Price

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the church. We join our hearts together. We listen for the word of God through scripture. We feel each other's joy and sorrow as we share in prayer together. Though we cannot always be together; we are the church, And we gather across time and space to worship God now. *HYMN NO. 4

"Holy God We Praise Your Name" GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBIN DICH

- 1. Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
- 2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the havens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3. All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
- 4. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you, while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Almighty God, we confess our frustration and our anger. We confess at times we should have held our tongue and didn't. We confess at times we are distracted by things that will not matter tomorrow, and they consume our time today. We confess that in our uncertainty, instead of trusting in You, we turn to the voices of fear. Forgive us. Call us into accountability, to remind us that at times we say things online we would not say in person. Call us to repent, to turn to empathy and understanding, and to seek Your wisdom. In this world that has turned upside down, we remember that You are our Rock and our Salvation. You are what grounds us, keeps us steady, and will see us through. Remind us that You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, even the ones who irritate us, for You loved us first, with all our faults and shortcomings. May we turn our hearts to You, and be filled with love for one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Peace be in your heart. Peace be on your tongue, and know you are forgiven; seek to speak in love. Peace be in your soul, knowing that you are not alone.

Jesus is with us in grace and forgiveness. Peace be with you. Amen.

HYMN NO. 447	"We Are Forgiven"	WE ARE FORGIVEN
	We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.	
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CHILDREN'S SERMON	1	

FIRST LESSON	1 Peter 2:9-16	Page 219, NT
SPECIAL MUSIC	"God Help the Outcasts"	Alan Menken
SECOND LESSON	1 Peter 3:13-17	Page 220, NT

"In Search of the Church: 1 Peter Homes for the Homeless"

*HYMN NO. 829

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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- 1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

INVITATION TO GIVING

*HYMN NO. 542

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

GOD BE WITH YOU

- 1. God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 2. God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily mana still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sing)

I am the Light of the World You people come and follow me. If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery Of what you were meant to do and be.

POSTLUDE

"Fuge in D Major"

L. van Beethoven

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram Henry Gehman, Organ/Piano Chancel Choir Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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