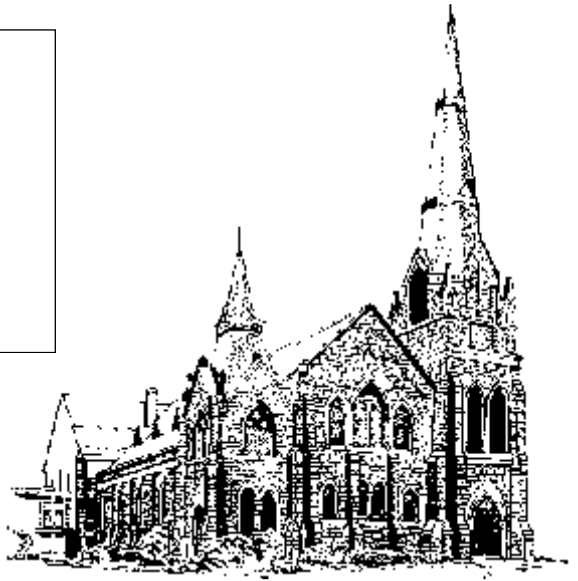


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, January 14, 2024
9:30 am
Second Sunday after Epiphany

REFLECTION

"The text for today describes a moving scene of reconciliation, the self-revelation of Joseph to the brothers who sold him into slavery many years before, and gives us the theological lens through which to view the whole story of Joseph."

Kathryn Schifferdecker

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67:3-5)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Covenanting God, we confess that we have broken the covenants and commandments. We have neglected You and Your ways to follow our own path, to deal with our stuff, to satisfy our desires instead of seeking Your will and way for our lives. Forgive us. May we be restored to Your ways, to trust in Your covenant, live out Your commandments, and know Your love is with us, always. In the name of Jesus, who has shown us the Way, and has given us a new commandment and covenant of love, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Jeremiah 31:33)

“This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

God’s covenant is in our hearts, and this covenant cannot be broken. God’s love will never fail, even if we do. Know God’s forgiveness, grace, mercy, and love is with you now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 587

“Alleluia”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHILDREN’S PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45:1-10

Page 40, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am Lord"

Craig Courtney

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Page 190, NT

SERMON

"Dealing With Life's Stuff: Family"

Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 444

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

*HYMN NO. 834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

1. Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Leoni"

Hal H. Hopson

* Please rise in body or spirit

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Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer
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✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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