



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 12, 2023

ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"How Great Is Our God"
Praise Team*

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 30:19-20d

Carolyn Greer

One: The Lord says: I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

All: Choose life so that you and your descendants may live long, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days.

One: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

#4

**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.**

**Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”**

**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.**

**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.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We find fault with the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

KYRIE ELEISON

#437

Cantor: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

All: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

**Glory be 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.**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bill

***SONG**

"Jesus Loves Me!" (vs. 1)

#188

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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ANTHEM

*"The Majesty and Glory"
Gabriel's Sounds*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carolyn Greer

*Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit as we hear your Word this day. Fill us
with your truth that we may walk in your ways and embody your love. To the praise
of your glory we wait before your Word and listen. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Carolyn Greer

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey
the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by
loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments,*

decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

#316

**Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love,
by love we thus are bound.**

**Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God’s holy Son.
As members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God’s the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.**

**Let us forgive each other’s faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God’s name;
our common life embraces all**

whose Maker is the same.

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"...you are God's field..."

Rev. Dr. Bill Pederson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIFTS OF TITHE AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Adagio - Allegro ma tanto"
performed by Toby Phillips & Bruce Williams*

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***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Carolyn Greer

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, we offer you these gifts with gratitude, so that together with you, we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.

***HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

**my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

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