

January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" Bach

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 96:1; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 1 Sam. 3:10-11

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities,
but there is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.
The Lord is about to do a new thing.
Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #609** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" SHOWALTER

CALL TO CONFESSION Eph. 2:4-6

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful and loving God,
you have called us to be your people
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.
We confess that we have not lived up to our calling
to proclaim the good news in word and deed.
We are quick to speak when we ought to listen
and remain silent when it is time to speak.
We put too much faith in our own actions
and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world.
By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need
to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Eph. 2:8

... we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #557 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" SCOTT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
... God of grace, hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ Those who are able may stand.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED 1 Pet. 4:7-11

INVITATION TO OFFERING Acts 20:35

OFFERTORY "Waltz in b minor" Chopin

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7

PSALM Psalm 40:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:29-42

RESPONSE Rom. 10:8
This is the word of faith that we proclaim.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Lamb of God" Paris, arr. Rhodes

SERMON "Behold the Lamb of God!" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #648** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

+**BLESSING** 2 Cor. 13:13
... be with you all.
Amen.

+**CHARGE** 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17
... rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Out and Serve Him!" Price / Besig

POSTLUDE "Klavierstücke D.946 No. 2" Schubert

Join us for fellowship after worship
in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Pianist: Yi-Hui Chen
Liturgist: Kelli Green
Greeters: Jay, Loren, Tyler, and Leah Harkness
Sound: Timmy Pinches
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Doreen Chapman
Today's flowers are given by Sue Riley
in memory of Donovan Riley

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#18. Africa:

Philip the Deacon meets a court official from Ethiopia who had gone to Jerusalem to worship God, and baptizes him. He brings the gospel to Africa. (Acts 8:26-40)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 50. Is Christianity the only true religion?

Religion is a complex matter. When used as a means to promote self-justification, war-mongering or prejudice, it is a form of sin. Too often all religions — and not least Christianity — have been twisted in this way. Nevertheless, by grace, despite all disobedience, Christianity offers the truth of the gospel. Although other religions may enshrine various truths, no other can or does affirm the name of Jesus Christ as the hope of the world.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Education	11:15 am
	Visitation for Bill Hosler	1:00 pm
	Memorial Service for Bill Hosler	2:00 pm
Monday	Church Office closed (Martin Luther King Day)	
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sandy Diehl Jan. 15
Dale Miihlbach Jan. 17

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Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
by Francisco de Zurbarán, c. 1635-1640

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*