

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

February 16, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

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Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Pat Nash

## PRELUDE:

## CHIMING THE HOUR

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith,**

People: **to the One who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** O God, You spoke Your word and revealed Your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming Your joyful promises to all nations and singing of Your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, Your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 263 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"* CORONATION

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God. **Let us pray together**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father, who has known us from the beginning, know our hearts today. We confess that we are sinful people and often fail to rise above the call of material things. We long to have more. More than we need, more than we can use, yet we still believe that things will fill the void in our lives. Lord, forgive us when we believe in things more than we believe in You and help us to remember that the greatest gift we have ever received was Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. (Say **"Please pray silently,"** and after a little while say) Amen.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**You may be seated.**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.**

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Give us ears to hear Your word and hearts to embrace it with enthusiasm and love. Amen.**

**PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 1, please read it responsively with me.**

Leader: **Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

People: **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

People: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

People: **for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 17:5-10 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 719 of the Old Testament**

### **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**17 <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:** “*Step by Step*”

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 6:17-26 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 64 of the New Testament

**Luke 6:17-26**

17He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

Janet Boyanton

**\*HYMN** No. 172 “*Blest Are They*” BLEST ARE THEY

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

**You may be seated.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **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

### **OFFERTORY:**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord of all that has been, all that is, and all that is to come, we thank You for Your gift to us. All that we have comes from You and we return a portion for the use of Your church in this time and place. Accept these gifts as our sacrifice to You. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Redeemer, Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No.816 *"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"* GOD BE WITH YOU

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.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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# Daily Bread

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Travel mercies for Lori as she is on a cruise

Lorrinda was diagnosed with Atrial Flutter

Joan Christy

All the people who lost their homes in the fires in California

Cecil is recovering from partial knee replacement surgery

Family and friends of Clyde Lockhart who passed away. Also his daughter lost one of her 5-week-old twins. The family really needs our prayers.

### CELEBRATIONS

It's good to have Joe, Lorrinda, and Martha here