

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Seek Ye First" # 354

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering:** "Gather Us In" # 284

1. Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame. Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well and teach us to fashion, lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven light years away; here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own, gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Nancy Kline/10:30am Roy McLellan

"The Disciples Affirmation" (insert) # 355

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Rev. Schwartz & Abigail
Text *I Corinthians 3: 1-9* (NRSVA)
Message "Are We Growing?" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Nancy Kline/10:30am Jim Ward

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

* = *Please stand*

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev.Schwartz/10:30am Jim Ward

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*

Communion Music: "They'll Know We Are Christians" # 494

***Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion**

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Are Thee" # 2

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before the opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea; chanting bird and flowering fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest; well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus stars of morning, take your part; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart. Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Benediction**

Rev. Schwartz

Postlude:

"This is the Day"

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February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

I Corinthians 3: 1-9 (NRSVA)

¹ 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. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, ‘I belong to Paul’, and another, ‘I belong to Apollos’, are you not merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹ For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, February 12, 2023 8:30am. ☩ 10:30am.

Welcome! May your journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.