

6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



At the ringing of the chimes please silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God. We also ask that you power off your cell phones to prevent interference with our live-streaming and recording equipment.

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary A Joyful Alleluia Cynthia Dobrinski
Adult Handbell Ensemble

*Call to Worship David Aber

Choral Introit A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays Jean Berger
Choral Scholars

*A rose touched by the sun's warm rays, all its petals gently does unfold.
So you, When touched by God's great mercy,
Let joy and gladness fill your soul.*

*Prayer of Invocation Steve Harp

*Hymn 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

Call to Confession Steve Harp

Confession

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is tough. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet, we will pass by the ones you especially notice: those who are poor and hungry; those who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and despised. Perhaps we are too comfortable with the way things are? Are we too complacent or worse, complicit with the injustice and prejudice around us?

Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your Gospel. We pray this now, and for our sake, and for the sake of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Steve Harp

*Response 567 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you, **God's peace be with you.**

During this time of pandemic, a nod of the head and wave of the hand will suffice.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering Steve Harp

Offertory Thy Perfect Love John Rutter

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee of all thing best
And wounde my heart in thy love free, That I may reign in joy
evermore with thee*

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Following the Time for Young Disciples, 3 through 5 year-olds are invited to Room 104 for age-appropriate activities. Kindergarteners through 6th graders are invited to children's choir rehearsal in Room 207 of the Education Building. Parents and guardians, please pick up your children following worship in WHH.

Prayer for Illumination Steve Harp

The First Lesson Psalm 1 Steve Harp

1 Blessed are you who walk not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but your delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law you meditate day and night.

3 You are like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that you do, you prosper.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Second Lesson Luke 6: 17-26

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Steve Harp

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation and for the work of the Holy Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ.

In one voice, let us offer the words of 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.

Words of Institution

“The Bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymn

1 Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)

Prayer following Communion

Steve Harp

*Hymn 412 Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds verses 1-2 and 5
FOREST GREEN

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Prelude in F Major
“from the Eight Little Preludes and Fugues” - J. S. Bach

Announcements

The Flowers in the Chancel Today are given by Peggy and Marc Messaros in memory of their parents, Frances and Carlos Matthews and Katherine and Jess Messaros.

Tween Event On Sunday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m., Tweens are invited to enjoy pizza and games in the Youth room.

Please dispose of your used masks in the trash receptacles located in Wright-Herberich Hall.

Westminster's policy presently includes the following:

- *The dramatic rise of the Omicron COVID variant has necessitated review of Westminster's church service attendance policy. The concern of worshipers attending is evident in the significant number wearing masks. Session has agreed to require masks for all worshipers beginning with the January 30th service and extending at least through the month of February.*
- *Seating in alternate pew rows will continue. Hopefully, this rapid spread of the virus will subside and allow us to relax this policy by the Easter season.*

Calendar of Church Building Events

For February 13—20, 2022

Sunday, 2/13

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Children's Choir in the Choir Room
The Reverend David Aber Preaching
- 11:30 am Tween Pizza and Games

Tuesday, 2/15

- 9:30 am Quilt Ministry Meeting in WHH
- 2:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Chancel

Wednesday, 2/16

- 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting in Room 106

Thursday, 2/17

- 10:00 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library
- 7:00 pm Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Saturday, 2/19

- 8:00 am Food for life in the kitchen

Sunday, 2/20

- 8:30 am Nursery Opens
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Parenting Group
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
The Reverend David Aber Preaching
- 11:30 am Reception in WHH for Music Director
Abigail Haake

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Update and Sunday bulletin is Tuesday at noon.

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