

7th Sunday After Epiphany February 20, 2022 Worship Bulletin

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#2032, "My Life Is in You, Lord," Sing the Faith Hymnal

My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord
In You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life, and all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

Daniel Gardner, 1986
Integrity Music
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Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 99: 1-3]

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.

People: Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship him upon the holy mountain.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

#41, "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above," vs. 1, 2, 5

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might and sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.
Music: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784, alt.
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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent confession]

People: Most amazing God, your radiance is always around us. But like the disciples of Jesus, we confess that we are sometimes uncomfortable with your glory. Faced with the splendor of your presence, we often do not fall into humble or attentive silence, instead we evade you with stammering and busyness— anything to avoid your glory. We also confess that there are times when we become so absorbed being in your presence, that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the broken and hurting, we ask that you would direct us to better follow you into the world. Such is the mystery of your love, O God, which can overwhelm, frighten, attract, and distract us at times. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on John 3: 16-17]

Leader: Hear the Good News. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

People: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven. Praise God.

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#451, "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain :
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Refrain :
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.

Refrain :
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-50

35 But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. 39 All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. 40 There are

also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. 42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. 50 I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Sermon

"Up, Up, & Away.... From Dusty Earth to the Splendor of Heaven"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[Colossians 1: 15-20]

People: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky," St. John's Parish Choir

Lyrics: Christ, whose glory fills the skies. Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near. Daystar, in my heart appear.

Charles Wesley, 1770-1788

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*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: God of grace and mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. 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.

*Hymn of Response

#363, "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
And gather all the saints
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2281, "May You Run and Not Be Weary," Sing the Faith Hymnal

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong
And may you run and not be weary, may your life be filled with joy
And may the road you travel always lead you home

Handt Hanson & Paul Murakami (Isa. 40:31)
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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able