



6th Sunday After Epiphany

February 12, 2023

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
who seek God with their whole hearts.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping God's statutes!
**Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes
fixed on the commandments of the Lord.**

HYMN*

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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**1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.**

**Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.**

**Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**4 Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other
gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our
worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorder
our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and
mend what is broken, that we may be one with you.**

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT – Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Heidi Harper

OFFERING OF MUSIC – Adult Choir
“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

GOSPEL* – Matthew 5:21-37

SERMON Dr. Linda Dickerson
“Living in the Light of God: Caution”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(A Declaration of Faith)*

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor’s needs as our own, to care passionately for the other’s good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor’s survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

**1 Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

**2 All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are Welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES