



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(adapted from Ps. 1 by Amy Loving)*

Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us follow the way of wisdom.

May we be planted with joy and watered with grace.

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

SONG - Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

Goodness is stronger than evil.

Love is stronger than hate.

Light is stronger than darkness.

Life is stronger than death.

Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours
through God who loved us.

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SONG - Cuando el Pobre/When the Poor Ones

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the weak ones in their weakness strengthen others:

refrain:

va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar. (Then God walks with us on our journey.)
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us:

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better:

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ our Light,
you came into the world
to teach us how to live,
yet we confess we ignore your call:
you bless the poor,
but we cling to riches.
You bless the hungry,
but we consume so much more than we need.
You bless those who weep,
but we laugh with cynicism and scorn.
You bless the persecuted,
but we seek status and prestige.
Forgive us, Christ our Savior,
and teach us the wisdom and joy
of your upside-down reign.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SONG* - The Cry of the Poor

Refrain:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

Let the lowly hear and be glad:
the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken, God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

We proclaim your greatness, O God,
your praise ever in our mouth;
ev'ry face brightened in your light,
for you hear the cry of the poor.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Jeremiah 17:5-10

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.

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.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

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.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

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.

GOSPEL LESSON* - Luke 5:1-11

[Jesus] 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. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘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.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG - Blessed Are You

Blessed are you, the poor ones;
God calls the last and least.
Blessed are you, the hungry,
for God prepares your feast.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for mourning turns to praise.
Blessed are you who suffer,
for God will guard your ways.

Refrain:

The doors of heav’n are open,
and glory is shining through—
rejoice, rejoice, God is with us,
and blessed, blessed are you.

Ruin awaits the wealthy,
who live to serve their greed.
Ruin awaits the gluttons,
who take more than they need,
Ruin awaits the laughers,
and tears will fill their eyes.
Ruin awaits the haughty,
who mock their neighbors’ cries.

Blessed are you, the poor ones,
for God is poor with you.
Blessed are you, the hungry,
for God knows hunger, too.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for God has shared your grief.
Blessed are you who suffer,
for God will bring relief.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY*

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

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING

SONG* - Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee,
lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*