



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 20, 2022

11:00am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

The Bell

Howard Hanson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 43, selected verses

Christopher Dennis, Liturgist

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing, says our God.

Now it springs forth – do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

For I will give drink to my chosen people,

The people I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise!

*HYMN #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning flow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God has been so gracious to us. Let us confess to God and each other the ways in which we have failed to live out our gratitude and extend grace to our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the future, we have made a habit of looking backward to what has been instead of forward to what may yet be. We are so focused on the past and our attempts to retrieve that past that we miss your Spirit moving among us in the present. We deny the truth that with you all things are possible as we attempt to control or manipulate our days. We have not respected your freedom to act in our lives nor have we listened for your word. We become imprisoned in the worlds of our creation; in our routines, our rules, our regulations. Caught up in our own concerns and agendas, we neglect to respond to the needs of our neighbors. Free us so that we may hear the good news of the gospel and re-order our priorities. We offer up our individual confessions in the silence of this moment.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God heals us, body and spirit. Our God not only binds up our wounds, but uses our woundedness and healing to lift others up. God delights in those who place their trust in God's grace and power.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6: 27-31

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do unto others as you would have them do to you."

Matthew 5: 13-16

SERMON

"Sermon on the Mount: Light and Salt"

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

Healer of Our Every Ill

Marty Haugen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve,.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live Holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Enchantment

Howard Hanson

*Hymn of Dedication #606

"Doxology"

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent in God's Name

*HYMN #192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Lord, we come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

* CHARGE & BLESSING

from a 5th century English missionary in Ireland

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us, this day and forevermore.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Dance of the Warriors

Howard Hanson

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Christopher Dennis, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Margaret Cox, Lucy Freeman
Audio / video, Steve Bridgman, Ron Skinner Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

WORSHIP NOTES Based on CDC data and the COVID 19 infection rate in our county and state, we are **requiring** that all people wear masks during worship. Masks are available at the welcome table.