

Welcome to Worship February 16, 2020



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am 12:00 noon 1:00 pm Family Worship Service Fellowship Hour Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

February 16, 2019 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude Words of Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

*Call to Worship (Psalm 112:1-9)

Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

Those who know their identity, as righteous in Christ, can't help but lift up his name in honor. He is the horn, the powerful one, the king of all creation - God the Lord. He enables us to give our sacrifice of praise. Let us sing praise to his name together!

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*Songs of Love and Praise

"This is My Father's World" (#21 vs. 1-3) "Jesus Loves Me" (#709)

"Oh How He Loves You and Me" (Red Book #622)

*God's Greeting

Renewal

Hymn of Preparation: "He Knows My Name" (#339) Prayer of Confession (Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Assurance of Pardon from Romans 8:12-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; <u>but</u> if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Friends, this is the good news! **Thanks be to God! Hymn of Thanksgiving:** "Children of the Heavenly Father" (#23 vs. 1-4)

Response

Prayers of the People Offering: General Fund *Hymn of Dedication of Gifts: "What Shall I Render to the Lord" (#871 vs. 4)

Proclamation

Scripture: Galatians 3:26 - 4:31 (p. 1220) This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God! Sermon: All Adopted Children *Hymn of Response: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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*Sending & Benediction *Doxology: "Find Us Faithful" Postlude

Participants: Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman Pianist: Joan DeWindt