



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after Epiphany | January 17, 2021

PRELUDE

You and I

Natalie Sleeth

Gail Thomas, soprano; Alberta Gisel, alto; Ken Curry, tenor; Chad Hammer, bass

Who's goin' to tell the story? You and I! Tell of the Lord's great glory? You and I! Who's goin' to let the whole world know? Help His disciples grow and multiply? You and I! Who's goin' to bring the kingdom? You and I! Who's goin' to spread the gospel? You and I! Who's goin' to do the kindly deed? Comfort the one in need and help supply? You and I! Jesus came to bring us Good News, sent to earth by God above! And the Good News that He brought us is the word of love! Who's goin' to feed the hungry? You and I! Care for the sick and lonely? You and I! Who's goin' to let the whole world see people can live in harmony? Let's try, you and I!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom & Dian Robbins, liturgists

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Listen to the stories of God, **promising God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Listen to the Son of God, **showing us how to live, love, and serve.**

Listen to the Spirit of God, **revealing God's call in our lives.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN

When Morning Guilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINO

(Recorded September 1, 2019)

***When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!***

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt. TUNE: Joseph Barnby, 1868 P.D.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we are thankful that you humbled yourself to live among us; joyful that you chose us to be your companions; amazed that you stick by us, for we often struggle sticking by you. Gracious God, open the deep down eyes of every heart that we might see you.

May we see your compassion **that created us;**
your imagination **that bound us together;**
your justice **that shapes our future;**
your word **that calls us to be;**
your healing **that recreates each day;**
your forgiveness **that transforms who we shall be;**
your spirit **that redefines who we are;**
your hope **that never lets us go.**

(Silent confession)

And as you reveal your presence to us
may our actions reveal your Light to the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends,
our prayers are accepted; our lives are forgiven.
Christ is revealed to us and with awe
we recognize our incredible value in God's love.
We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

***Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.***

Amen, amen. (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-30

SERMON

"Jubilee"

Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

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open our hearts and eyes to the signs, revealing yourself and your will for us:
**guiding us through the teachings of Jesus to seek justice, love kindness, and
walk humbly with you.**

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the pain of broken relationships and loss,
**you remain steadfast in your care and devotion for your entire creation
throughout the universe.**

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ignorance about your ways,
you remain constantly present to us.

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found everywhere. We pray for those who are lonely,
that you might lead us to reach out and be friends.
We pray for those who are hungry,
that you might lead us to offer sustenance.

We pray for those who are lost,
that you might lead us to give hope and direction.

We pray for the countries of the world,
that we might find a way to work together to lift one another up.

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And we pray for ourselves, that we might continue on this journey,
Following where your Spirit leads learning the lessons you offer, seeking the fullness of your perfection, and living as you would have us live.

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus, the light who has come so that we might shine, saying the prayer that he taught his disciples:

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.

HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

Molly Frederick & Wayne Tillman, vocalists;
Laura Viau, guitar; Chad Hammer, soprano mandolin

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

TEXT: African American spiritual TUNE: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE *A World in Need* Frank von Christierson

Gail Thomas, Susan Pearce, Wayne Tillman, Ken Curry, vocal quartet

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

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