

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 8, 2017

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of abundant life,

All: We celebrate your love that makes all things new, even this day.

One: God of abundant hope,

All: Help us to feel your presence, even in times of scarcity, sadness and doubt.

One: God of abundant love,

All: Free us to truly love one another, and serve together in ministry to our neighbors near and far.

One: God of Jesus,

All: Help us to imitate his life and so we may worship and live with great passion in this new year.

*HYMN

"New Year's Hymn"

(see insert)

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

(congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN OF CONFESSION "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart No. 500 (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR (in unison)

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow,

we gather here this first Sunday of the New Year,

in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear and excitement.

We do not know what the year holds for us.

There are things we are afraid of:

worries about health and family, job security and finances.

There is also much to look forward to:

Family and friends to laugh with,

holidays to enjoy,

work that blesses and accomplishments to celebrate.

Lord God, the coming year is full of uncertainty and hope.

**Whatever the year holds for us we trust
You and we place every day
of this year in your care knowing that,
as in the past,
You are with us,
caring for us with constant love. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Partita 1 in C Dur for Oboe and Organ" J.W. Hertel
Lynn Hansen, oboe and Tom Bara, organ

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9: 35-38 (NT p. 9)
Leader: The Word of God. All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

The Passionate Jesus Sermon Series:

SERMON "Recipe for a Wise and Passionate Life"

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel. Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT "The Gift of Love" No. 408**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE