

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
February 24, 2019  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE WORLD-CHANGING PEACE OF CHRIST

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Roddy Hamilton

One: Hear the raucous Good News. When it comes to the enemy: .....love them;

**ALL: The oppressor: ..... walk the mile with them;**

One: The neighbor who offends: .... turn the other cheek to them.

**ALL: This doormat faith seems too much to bear**

**in a world where those who bully always seem to win!**

One: The enemy: ..... imbalance them with love;

**ALL: The oppressor: ..... shame the very law that oppresses;**

One: The neighbor who offends: ..... turn the cheek as an equal.

**ALL: This rebellious faith seems too much to bear**

**in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice  
by the bullied.**

One: But this is heaven's revolution and we are called into it.

**ALL: Come let us worship love's rebel, Jesus the Christ!**

\*HYMN FOR ENTERING WORSHIP "We Are Called"

No. 2172

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (sung processional)

***I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—no turning back, no turning back.***

(sung recessional)

***Though none go with me, still I will follow Jesus, though none go with me,  
still I will follow Jesus.—I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (in unison)

**From before the world began, 'til after the end of eternity, You are God.**

**From the great lakes carved beginnings, 'til the winds cease their chase, You are God. In the vastness of the universe, in the forgotten corners of our hearts, You are our God, and we**

**need You now .....(a moment to be still).**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical Version)

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and for ever. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM "Come, We That Love the Lord" David von Kampen  
*Wendy Becker, soloist*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fair worlds on high.

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL Luke 6: 27-38 (NT p. 64)  
*Key verse: But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.  
Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High...*  
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time—Part Seven:*  
"Reconciler"

AN AFFIRMATION OF BELIEF IN JESUS' MINISTRY (see below)

### **BRINGING OUR GIFTS OF COMMITMENT AND TREASURE**

OFFERTORY HYMN "They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" No. 2223

\*DOXOLOGY No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here  
below. 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 OVER THE GIFTS

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF SERVING "We Are God's People" No. 2220

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" Maurice Whitney

\*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

## **AN AFFIRMATION OF BELIEF IN JESUS' MINISTRY**

(from Iona Community)

**MEN/BOYS:** He is among us, the One who gave sight to the blind  
And insight to the closed-minded;

**WOMEN/GIRLS:** The One who gave hearing to the deaf,  
And listening ears to those who heard only their own voices.

**ALL: The One who made the lame walk  
and is the way, the truth and the life.**

**MEN/BOYS:** He is among us, the One who healed the sick,  
And helped the hopeless;

**WOMEN/GIRLS:** The One who exorcized demons and gave new names to those who were  
known only for their problems.

**ALL: The One who was criticized for coming too close  
to the contaminated.**

**MEN/BOYS:** He is among us, the one who agreed with fair taxes,  
and even handled money;

**WOMEN/GIRLS:** The one who spoke for the poor and who spoke  
to the privileged, of the good things their wealth could do.

**ALL: The one who entrusted himself to women as much as men,  
without prejudice or favor.**

**MEN/BOYS:** He is among us - to touch, to heal.

**WOMEN/GIRLS:** To bless, to inspire.

**MEN/BOYS:** To confront, to convert.

**WOMEN/GIRLS:** To show at all times the human face of God.

**ALL: Yes, he is among us, showing us how to live  
in Heaven's revolution on Earth!**