

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

"The Swan"

Saint-Saen

Alek Schrock, euphonium and Candice Wallace, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE TO ONE ANOTHER

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

One: Lord God,

Maker of heaven and earth,
we gather together in Your name.

**All: We come as living sacrifices,
to offer you our worship and thanksgiving,
our praise and our prayers.**

One: Come among us, living Lord.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,
transform our hearts and minds
so that we may recognize Your presence,
hear your voice,
know your will,
and walk in your way.

**All: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"There's A Spirit in the Air"

No. 192

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Hymn for the 81%"

Daniel Dietrich

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(see below)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" Jeffrey Cobb
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.
A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
Christ's peace will guard our hearts and minds, transcending all we've known; More Truth and Light is yet to come
out of God's Holy Word.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21 (NT p. 161-62)
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Making Decisions that Matter— February Sermon Series:*
"Making Godly Choices"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Art Songs" Clara Schumann
Larry Winegar, vocalist; Michael Coonrod, pianist

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "O Spirit of the Living God" No. 539

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Grant Us Thy Peace" John Ellerton

*POSTLUDE "Art Songs" Clara Schumann
Larry Winegar, vocalist; Michael Coonrod, pianist

*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.

Prayer of Intercession

One: Gracious God,
In love You created us,
and in love You sustain us, day after day.
So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You,
knowing that You hear us, and will respond.
We offer our prayers for the world around us.
We pray for those who find themselves in bondage:
those forced into slavery or prostitution,
those oppressed by governments or economic systems,
those enslaved by personal addictions.

One: Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All: and in Your love, answer.

One: We pray for those who struggle to raise their children
in the midst of violence or poverty;
for those who can only stand by and watch
as their sons or daughters die of starvation or malnutrition,
of preventable disease,
or from gang violence.

One: Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All: and in Your love, answer.

One: We pray for those who refuse to participate in violence or injustice,
who courageously stand up for what they know is right,
regardless of the personal consequences.

One: Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All: and in Your love, answer.

One: We also pray for those who oppress others,
who are unable to break free from cycles of violence and anger,
who are no longer able to empathize with their victims.

One: Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All: and in Your love, answer.

One: We pray for all who suffer this day,
whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
May Your presence surround and sustain each one,
so that they may know your love and live.
(all keep silence)

One: Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All: and in Your love, answer.

One: Finally, God, we pray for ourselves—members of Your Body here on earth.
Unite us in our common allegiance to You as Lord and Savior.

Grant that we might not be conformed to the world's oppression
but transformed by the way of Christ's compassion and humility.
Release the gifts You have given to each one,
so that in us and through us,
Your kingdom might come and Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Amen.