

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 11:15 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING SONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jason Christ, Associate Pastor*

WELCOME *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr., Lead Pastor*

(Stand)

OPENING SONG *Lord Reign In Me*

Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2

Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Leader To God our Creator, who makes all things whole,

People **Give praise to the One who holds all in control.**

Leader To God our Redeemer, who came to restore,

People **Give praise to the One who will reign evermore.**

Leader To God our Companion, whose counsel abides,

People **Give praise to the One who within us resides.**

Leader O Lord, open my lips,

Women and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Leader Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

Men make haste to help me, O Lord.

CONFESSION

Leader John writes in the beginning of his Gospel: "The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him." God's light has indeed come in Jesus Christ. He has shone into our dark world and brought to light our dark deeds. But He does not do this to shame or condemn, but rather to forgive. So let us confess our sin to God and receive His grace again this day.

People **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all my sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.** *(silence for personal confession)*

ABSOLUTION

Leader God has been merciful to us. For our sake He made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. *2 Corinthians 5:21* In Christ, our sins have been forgiven as we are made righteous before God.

People **Amen.**

(Sit)

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Reader God speaks to us through the Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader God speaks to us through the New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel of John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Sue Steege, Director of Transformation Ministries*

MESSAGE *Christians Have the Best Parties* *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr., Lead Pastor*

(Stand)

THE NICENE CREED

People I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING

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Boldly I Approach

Verse 1

By grace alone somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms

Verse 2

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair
I hear the voice that scatters fear
The Great I Am the Lord is here
O praise the One who fights for me
And shields my soul eternally

Chorus

Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

Verse 3

Behold the bright and risen Son
More beauty than this world has known
I'm face to face with Love Himself
His perfect spotless righteousness
A thousand years a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise

Bridge

This is the art of celebration
Knowing we're free from condemnation
O praise the One praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

(Stand)

CLOSING SONG *All the People Said Amen*

Verse 1

You are not alone, if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on but thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the people said Amen
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen

Verse 2

If your rich or poor, well it don't matter
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit
Who are torn apart
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom
The kingdom of God

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BLESSING (ONLINE)

PREPARATION FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

We welcome to the Lord's Table baptized believers who confess their sins, affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who accept that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, given for the forgiveness of sins.

THE INVITATION

(Sit)

SONGS DURING LORD'S SUPPER

Come Unto Me

Chorus

Come unto Me all you who are weary
Come unto Me all you who need rest
Take up My yoke and learn all about Me
And I will give you rest

Verse

Why do you linger
Why do you wait
You carry on without Me
I've always been here
But still you hesitate
I have much in store for you
If only you would

Tag

O and I will give you rest
Yes and I will give you rest

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All Who Are Thirsty

Verse

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

BLESSING

SILENT PRAYER AND POSTLUDE

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Give Us Clean Hands

Verse 1

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus 1

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come

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