

# THE LAMP OF GOD HAD NOT YET GONE OUT



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
January 17, 2020

**GATHERING**

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Stacey McAdams*

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

**People:** *Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.*

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**People:** *Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People:** *Speak, Lord, we are listening.*

**PRELUDE**

*Jubilate*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Jordan

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Gracious Lord, somewhere long ago, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for God to use in healing and helping ministries for this world. We don't really believe that we have anything worthwhile to offer. It is relatively easy for us to donate funds for missions and the good works of the church, but we do not see ourselves worthy of further involvement.

Remind us of your forgiving love, when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts with which you have blessed us, and to commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. There are so many things that we can do. And everything starts with prayer. So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray,  
*(continued)*

asking for your wisdom in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives, and live that presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**Leader:** From the very beginning, God has blessed you and planted within your spirit the words "I can do all things through God who strengthens me."  
Do not fear the task God sets before you. Rejoice, for God is with you every moment and God's love washes over you always, healing and nourishing your life.

**People:** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!*

## **THE WORD**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **MUSIC**

*Amazing Grace*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Ham

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Stacey McAdams*

### **PSALM READING**

*Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18*

*Stacey McAdams*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **SERMON**

*"Are You Listening?"*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## **RESPONSE**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")*

*Stacey McAdams*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit** *(continued)*

*#Latecomers may be seated*

*\*Congregation standing, if able*

**give us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**MUSIC**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Young

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Stacey McAdams*

**SENDING**

**\*CHARGE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata Festiva*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Ritter