



GOD
is
Faithful
1 Corinthians 1:9

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES (*John 1:36, 39 & 1 Sam 3:10-11*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Look, here is the Lamb of God!
ALL: *Jesus calls us: Come and see.*
One: The Lord is about to do a new thing.
ALL: *Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Special Music from Lynn Raley

CHORAL INTROIT

Joyfully Sing
Chancel Choir

Haydn

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on *Psalms 40:3,5,16*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Sing a new song!
ALL: *Let us sing a song of thanks and praise!*
One: For God has done wondrous deeds.
ALL: *God's deeds are too many to count.*
One: Rejoice in God and be glad.
ALL: *Great is the Lord! Let us worship God!*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 326** *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Jesus invites us to "Come and see;" yet we are held back by sin and self-centeredness. Let us confess the sins that have kept us from recognizing and enjoying God's presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Faithful God,
you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;
you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work;
you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words;
you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do.

Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

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

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. John White

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

ACT OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

arr. H. Smith

James Martin, baritone | Lynn Raley, pianist

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See**

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pg. 165-166)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING

John 1:29-42 (pg. 92)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever. **ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Come and See

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Rev. John White

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 gives 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!"

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. John White

OFFERTORY

Deep River

arr. M. Hogan

James Martin, baritone | Lynn Raley, pianist

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

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

Rev. John White

THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE *(see insert)*

SENDING

***HYMN: 733** *We All Are One in Mission*

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***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

POSTLUDE

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. H. Johnson

James Martin, baritone | Lynn Raley, pianist