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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Aria

by: Craig Phillips

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

We gather, in spite of many a conflict many a doubt, within our souls.

We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to speak to us,
to give us courage and renewal.

**Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit,
and give us the wisdom and courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 132

All My Hope is Firmly Grounded

MICHAEL

All my hope is firmly grounded In our great and living Lord;
Who, whenever I most need him, Never fails to keep his word.
Him I must Wholly trust, God the ever good and just.

Tell me, who can trust our nature, Human, weak, and insecure?
Which of all the airy castles Can the hurricane endure?
Build on sand Nought can stand, By our earthly wisdom planned.

But in every time and season, Out of love's abundant store,
God sustains his whole creation, Fount of life for evermore.
We who share Earth and air Count on his unfailing care.

Thank, O thank, our great Creator, Through his only Son this day;
He alone, the heavenly Potter, Made us out of earth and clay.
Quick to heed, Strong the deed, He shall all his people feed.

†COLLECT PRAYER

†GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

TULANE



Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world; Glo - ry be to God the Son, re -
deem-ing grace to give; Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir-ing us to love;
One in three, three in one for - ev - er - more. A - men.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against the invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. You strive to teach us in love, and we stubbornly cling to our own self-concerned understandings. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Amen.

ANTHEM

My Spirit Longs for Thee

by: Richard Shepherd

My spirit longs for thee, within my troubled breast. Though I unworthy be of so divine a guest. Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be, yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee. Unless it come from thee in vain I look around; in all that I can see, no rest is to be found. No rest is to be found but is thy blessed love: O let my wish be crowned and send it from above.

EPISTLE READING

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 1

Happy indeed are they who follow not the counsel of the wicked; Nor linger in the way of sinners nor sit in the company of scorners, But whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponder God's law day and night. They are like a tree that is planted besides the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that they do shall prosper. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. When the wicked are judged they shall not stand, nor find room among those who are just; For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 598

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, our Savior, received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to you, O Christ, will guide.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

If Thou Wilt Only Let God Guide Thee

arr. by: Craig Phillips

†DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

I Want a Principle Within

FOREST GREEN

I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear,
a sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near.
I want the first approach to feel of pride or wrong desire,
to catch the wandering of my will, and quench the kindling fire.

From thee that I no more may stray, no more thy goodness grieve,
grant me the filial awe, I pray, the tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make;
awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it still awake.

Almighty God of truth and love, to me thy power impart;
the mountain from my soul remove, the hardness from my heart.
O may the least omission pain my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again, which makes the wounded whole.

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. by: Craig Phillips

WORSHIP LEADERS

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