

FIRSTCHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

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February 20th, 2022

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andantino

by: Denis Bédard

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

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 548

In Christ There Is No East or West

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1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
the Almighty maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God Almighty.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

†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

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways;
it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them.
We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth.
We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated.
Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Gyft of Charitie

text by: Thomas Cranmer

music by: Carlton T. Russell

O Lord which dost teach us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy holy ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 6:17-26

SERMON

Ideals Are Like Stars...

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Variations sur *Ubi Caritas*

by: Denis Bédard

†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, NO. 553

vs. 1, 4, 5, 6

And Are We Yet Alive

DENNIS

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
And still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

5. The let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
Which saves us to his uttermost, till we can sin no more.

6. Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. by: Joel Raney

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*
Liturgist: Rev. Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, *Pastor of Music & Worship*
Music: Josh Sumter, *Music Associate & Organist*
Members of the Parish Adult Choir

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