

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Worship Leader
Online Worship
February 13, 2022

PRELUDE “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

INTROIT “Blessed Assurance” – arr. Carol Sue Dickson Susan Wilkes, Flute

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God-

People: We come in trust, to be rooted in God's love.

Leader: Blessed are those who hope in God-

People: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in God's Word!

People: We come, seeking healing and joy, and to be reminded of God's blessings.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, we pray that our lives be planted close to you and that our roots reach deep into your wisdom and strength. In times of drought, may we not only be nourished and sustained by your presence and grace, but using your gift of life to us, may we in turn provide shelter and comfort and blessing to all who might come under our branches. Open our hearts to receive your gifts and blessings that we may in turn gift and bless our world. Amen.

HYMN # 461 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

TIME TO WONDER “Storm-Strength” Rev. Carolyn Keilig

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE # 306 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

MUSICAL OFFERING “Dance Prelude on Duke Street” – arr. Michael Burkhardt Susan Wilkes, Flute

SCRIPTURE READINGS Justin May

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.

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.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“The Blessing Paradox”

Rev. Carolyn Keilig

HYMN # 490

“Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go from this time of worship, trusting in God’s care and compassion -

People: We go to share the good news God’s care and compassion with others.

Leader: Go, rooted deeply in the joy of God’s love –

People: We go to tend to those who are in need of God’s loving presence.

Leader: And may God raise you to new life with Christ. May Christ Jesus heal you of all that troubles you. And may the Holy Spirit nourish you from the deep and keep you fruitful in all you do.

POSTLUDE

“March for Joyous Occasions” – C. Alexander Peloquin

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Opening Hymn no. 461 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

**Prayer Response
Hymn no. 306**

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn no. 490 “Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant”

1. Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav’lers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I’ll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey thro’.
4. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we’ve know together of great love and agony.
5. Brother, let me be your servant, sister, let me walk with you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.