

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Worship Leader

Online Worship

February 20, 2022

PRELUDE “Great is the Lord” – Michael W. Smith/arr. Jack Schrader Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

INTROIT # 263 “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We come, as those who seek to trust in God.

People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

People: We would not worry, but open ourselves to God’s heart.

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

People: We will be still, listening for God’s words of hope, of peace.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, we have heard your call to forgive and love our enemies, but we find ourselves in situations that make that feel impossible. We seek an easier way around the challenges of following Jesus, for the path you have given us is terribly hard. Take from us the tension that makes peace seem impossible. Grant us patience and endurance to journey with you, even over rough terrain, so that we might fully experience your love, grace, and peace in this world. Help us become a people full of love and grace and forgiving of others. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN # 527 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

TIME TO WONDER “A Level Playing Field” 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. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE # 303 “In This Time”

MUSICAL OFFERING “He Never Failed Me Yet” – Robert Ray FCC Virtual Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Tom Irving

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they
will not be there.
But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.
The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because
they take refuge in him.

Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“An Abundant and Generous Love”

Rev. Carolyn Keilig

HYMN # 484

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: We leave, our hearts filled with God's love.

People: We will go to offer the wonders of laughter and hope to everyone we will meet.

Leader: We leave, following Jesus into the world.

People: We will serve alongside him in the brokenness of our neighbors and our communities.

Leader: We leave, having heard the whispers of the Spirit.

People: We will speak justice to those who would hoard it only for themselves.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome”- arr. Carl Haywood

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.

Introit

Hymn no. 527

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Opening Hymn no. 527

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou pray’r I make, on bended knee; this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.
2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best; this all my pray’r shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.
3. Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain; sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain, when they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.
4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise, this still its pray’r shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee.

Closing Hymn no. 484

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

1. We’ve a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon day bright, and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2. We’ve a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord; a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.
3. We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
4. We’ve a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod, that all of the world’s great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.