

For Prayer & Contemplation (Tertullian)

“But we, being little fishes, as Jesus Christ is our great fish, are born in the water, and we are safe only so long as we remain in the water.”

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Because You Live, O Christ” - arr. Hobby

Call to Worship (Written by Gord Waldie)

One: People of God! Why have you come?

All: We have come to celebrate God’s healing presence among us.

One: Servants of God! Why have you come?

All: We have come to be refreshed, to be renewed, to be sent out.

One: Children of God! Why have you come?

All: We have come to worship together.

One: Then let us do so with joy and gladness.

*Hymn No. 249 “Because You Live, O Christ”

Prayer of Confession (From *The Worship Sourcebook*)

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to serve. As you came to a blind man and gave him sight,

All: Come to us in our darkness and show us things we cannot see.

One: As you came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing,

All: Come to us in our tensions and make us whole.

One: As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave,

All: Come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with the living Lord.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you came not to be served but to serve.

All: But we see life the other way around; to get where we do not give, to explore whom we have not helped, to use what we have not earned.

One: As you came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from Romans 8)

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.”

Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem “Hear My Prayer” - Hogan - *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children

Baptism of Olivia Grace Gordon

Presented by her parents, Chelsea & Jim Gordon

Godparents: Matthew Buchhofer & Kaitlin Madara

Scripture

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:42-50

New Testament PG 177, Large Print 216

2nd Reading: Luke 6:27-38

New Testament PG 64-5, Large Print 78

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Return on Investment” - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (*Confession of 1967, 9.51*)

By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to men in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself...

By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 “Praise God...All Blessings Flow”

“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.”

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Joe, Barbara, Maisy, the family of Olive, Annette, the family of Ron, Nic and family, Chic, Alyssa, Patrick, Erin, Rhett, Rachel, Jamie, Meg, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura Rundle, Phyllis, Aaron, Douglas

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 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.

*Hymn No. 766 “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 853 “We Are Marching...Light of God”

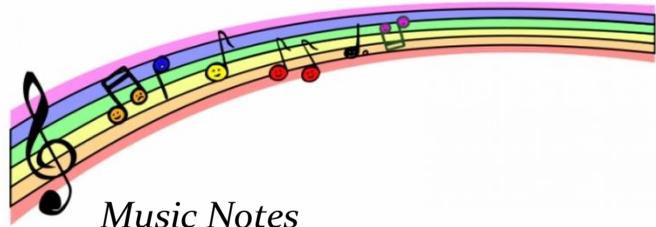
“We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God... We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God...”

We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God.”

Postlude "Toccatà" - Buxtehude

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>
Liturgist Barbara Walters
Ushers Vicki Downing Jeff Downing



Music Notes

Today's prelude Robert Hobby's 2008 setting of the hymn tune "Vreuchten," a 17th century Dutch folk melody which is used in our hymn #249. The anthem was composed in 2001 by Moses Hogan, a pianist, composer and choral arranger of international renown. Born in New Orleans in 1957, and educated at Oberlin, Louisiana State and the Juilliard School, Moses Hogan became best known for his brilliant arrangements of African American spirituals. He died at the age of 45 of a brain tumor. The postlude is a toccata, or "touch piece," by early Baroque composer Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707). His compositions and improvisations on the organ greatly influenced other composers, particularly J. S. Bach. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

This Week

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> February 20-27	
<i>Sunday</i> February 20	10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:30 AM Confirmation Class
<i>Monday</i> February 21	
<i>Tuesday</i> February 22	6:30 PM Girl Scouts - Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> February 23	
<i>Thursday</i> February 24	9 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Zoom 8 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i> February 25	
<i>Saturday</i> February 26	
<i>Sunday</i> February 27	10 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:15 AM Sunshine Singers Practice 11:30 AM Confirmation Class



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7th Sunday after Epiphany
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