

7th Sunday after Epiphany 2019

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Amazing Grace" arr. Jim Brickman

* Call to Worship

One: Let us praise the God of glory and strength.

All: Let us worship the God of grace.

One: For the voice of God goes out across all the earth.

All: And in God's temple all the people say, "Glory!"

* Opening Hymn #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

God of grace and glory, in Jesus Christ, you showed us the love that knows no bounds, the grace that has no limits. Your Spirit blows through the world still - extending your favor and splintering the barriers we erect between us. Meet us now in this hour of worship, that we may be opened to your Word and to the joy of serving you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

One: Not one of us is perfect.

All: No, not one.

One: Not one of us is full of grace.

All: No, not one.

One: Not one of us is spotless.

All: No, not one.

One: There is no one who knows God's fullness or rests completely in God's grace.

All: Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pocket of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sin from us. As near as hands and feet and breath, so near does God stand with us. As close as the Spirit's tether can draw, so close does God bring us together. Friends, believe the Good News; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Response #581 Gloria Patri

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ)

* Hymn #487 "These Treasured Children" vs. #1

Time for Young Disciples

Presbyterian Women

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Be in our words, O God, and in our understanding. Be in our hearts and in the love we bring. Be in our lives and set us to praise, we pray. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Psalms 31:1-5

Pew Bible – OT p.505

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Church Steps Anthem

"Heal Our Land"

Kari Jobe Carnes, et al

Second Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Pew Bible – NT p.17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Grace Knows No Boundaries"

Rev. Meggan Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed Hymnal, pg. 35

* Hymn #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.

2. Jesus, I adore you... 3. Spirit, I adore you...

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

Offering

Musical Offertory “Bind Us Together” setting, Joel Raney

* Doxology #609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on your grace and the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* Closing Hymn #754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude “Postlude in C” arr. George Blake



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you
in the prayer room if needed.*

Our beautiful chancel flowers this morning are given by the Deacons.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters: Kathy Gutzman & Michele Griffith

Liturgist: Violet Smale

Acolytes: Alexis Bivins & Mackay Campbell

Ushers: Sue Goral, Lora Warner, Sydney Goddard
& Kathy Porretto

Organist: Julie Mackey

Church Steps Director: Ted Huebbe

Elder of the Month: Kathy Gutzman

Deacons of the Month: Kathy Porretto & Michele Griffith

Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks & Joe Williams

Fellowship: Barb & Bonnie LeMense

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