

6th Sunday after Epiphany 2020

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Cantilena" Verena Hatch

* Call to Worship

One: O Lord, open my eyes,

All: so I might see the vision of your truth.

One: O Lord, open my ears,

All: and I will hear your word.

One: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

* Opening Hymn #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
(vs. 1 - all, vs. 2 - women only, vs. 3 - all)

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. 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: To you, O God, we give up the burdens of this week, trusting your love and mercy. To you, O God, we surrender ourselves, trusting our risen Lord to lead us always in the way of peace today, tomorrow, and forever.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we confess that we often look back. We look back on mistakes we have made, work left undone, people we have hurt, and excuses we have made. We see these as things for which we feel guilty. We overwhelm ourselves with regret. Free us, O God, from self-condemnation that immobilizes us. Allow us to remember that you call us to look back, to remember those times of joy, to remember those people who were kind and compassionate, to remember that we did the best we were able to do, to remember that in Christ our past is transformed, to remember that your journey with us each day of our life. May we continue to grow in grace and truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

* 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

Rev. Meggan Farwell

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Inhabit our hearts, God of history, as you once inhabited human flesh. Be here among us with all of your wisdom, all of your power, all of your mercy, all of your love, that we might learn to be more like you, from our God who came to be like us. Holy are you. Holy are we who are one with you forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Pew Bible – OT p. 577 & 578

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Women's Choir Anthem "I Will Lift My Eyes" Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible – NT p. 4

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Blessed to be a Blessing" Rev. Meggan Farwell

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Hymn #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

* Please stand as you are able

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

Offering

Musical Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" setting, Becki Slagle Mayo

* **Doxology #609**

* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* **Closing Hymn #643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"
(vs. 1 - all, vs. 2 - women only, vs. 3 - all)

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude**

"Morning Praise"

Gertrude H. Richolson



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

The chancel flowers are given by the Presbyterian Women to honor the women in our lives.

Our Vision:

*We are a welcoming community First United in
Proclaiming **FAITH** in Jesus Christ,
Sharing **HOPE** for the future, and
Inspiring **LOVE** of our neighbors*

Assisting In Worship This Morning

Liturgist: Sue Goral

Greeters: Barb LeMense & Bonnie LeMense

Acolytes: Lizzie Renier & Mackay Campbell

Ushers: Barb Ryan, Sue Renier,

Rosemarie Pagel & Sue Hutchison

Choir Director: Andy Parks

Organist: Julie Mackey

Elder of the Month: Bill Picard

Deacons of the Month: Dan Hamersky
and Lou Seiler

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

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In 2020, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we honor women of faith, those who may have felt their faith falter at times and those who held fast to faith. We give thanks for their persistence - their witness, their words, their actions. We know we stand on their shoulders.

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~Changing Lives through God's Love in Christ~

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