

**Morning Worship**  
**February 17, 2019**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**We Gather in God's Name**

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Variation on A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* (See Hymn 201)

*The congregation is asked to make use of the prelude as a time of preparation, meditation and prayer.*

Greeting Dr. Dan Sansbury

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!*

\*Call to Worship Mark Ingram

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear of it and be glad!**

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the LORD and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**

O taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Blessed are all the people who take refuge in the LORD!**

(from Psalm 34)

\*Hymn 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

\*Invitation to Confession

*If we say we have no sin, then the truth is not in us, and we deceive ourselves. If we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and just to forgive us of our sin, and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness.* (I John 1.8-9)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Gracious and Almighty God, you call us to love you and one another as you so graciously love us. And yet, we confess to you today that we love some people more easily and more often than we love other people. Some people are easier for us to love than others. Some people more easily and more readily love us in return. Help us by your Spirit at work in us to love all people. Help us to see people not only as they are, but as you will make them to become. Work through us, we pray, to reach all people with the good news of the gospel, and with gracious acts of kindness. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life as a ransom for all people. Amen.** (Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that we might become right with God.* (from II Corinthians 5.17-21)

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *To My Precious Lord* (see Hymn 704) arr. Dickson

\* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We Receive God's Word**

Children's Sermon

Dr. Dan Sansbury

*Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.*

Anthem *Oh, How Good It Is*

Getty, Holmes, and Townsend

Oh, How good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in the spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love  
Are the fruits of His presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice  
With the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command,  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

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And with one heart we'll live out His word  
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Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Luke 7.36-50

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

Dr. Dan Sansbury

"Do You See?"

\*Hymn 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

\*Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Prayers of The People (concluding with 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.**

**We Depart in God's Name**

\* Hymn 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

\* Benediction and Sending

\* Choral Response *When We Are Living*

\* Postlude *Voluntary*

If you are interested in knowing more about this congregation, or in officially joining as a church member, please speak to Dr. Sansbury after the worship service. All persons **are invited** to participate in all the ministry activities of our congregation.

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Tillman in loving memory of Dan, Ruth, Francis and Lena.

