A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2023  8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
*All who are able may stand.
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING... 

The Prelude

O Word of God Incarnate
arr. David Hegart

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

For the Fruit of All Creation

The Call To Worship

God has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
God has multiplied wondrous deeds.

Let God’s steadfast love and faithfulness keep us forever!

Prayer of Adoration

O God of wonder, your works in creation are marvelous to behold. Your mighty acts astound us. We delight in your power to call us into newness. We are awed by your steadfast love and faithfulness. All glory to you, Great God, for all you have done, are doing, and will do! Amen.

*The Hymn 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Sing Glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines a broad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia! The wilderness can not contain the echoes of the great refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need. We condone evil, perpetuate prejudice, and do not practice the ways of peace. Help us to confess our sin and to repent, that we may walk in your ways. Help us to respond to your call for new life, for forgiveness and reconciliation. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgression from us.

This is the good news we have received and in which we stand: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and by grace we live. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri

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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!
(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside Your home this week.)
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11

The Anthem

The Lamb

Gerald Patrick Coleman

The Lamb, the Lamb, O, Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven his praise to sing.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

He sighs, he dies. He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me his own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong ’til every heart to Him belong.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the star to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

REFRAIN: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. REFRAIN

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. REFRAIN

The Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-42

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

What Are You Looking For? Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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.

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME . . .

*The Hymn 720

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Festive Postlude

Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Bridget Harvey, Jen Rowe
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk