

# Worship Service ~ February 12, 2023, 9:00

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Ann Sargeant  
in celebration of days getting longer.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN    ELW #858 *PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY*

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend you.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*~Silence for reflection~*

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE    ELW page 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Holy God of compassion,

**C: you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC              *"Oceans"* FAME Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION              *ELW #174 CELTIC ALLEULIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Matthew 5:38-48**

<sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE              Pastor John Klawiter

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*



MUSICAL OFFERING *"I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord"* by Carl Schalk; Faith Choir

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boxes by the exit doors. Thank you for giving to  
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#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray, liberating God,

**C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

#### BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

#### HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion. Following, please join us for the closing hymn and dismissal.*

LAMB OF GOD                      ELW page 154

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN ELW #543 *GO MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE on *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW #612) by Keith Kolander

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