



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

ALL: “Here I am!”

ONE: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

ALL: “Here I am!”

ONE: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day,
and we answer,

ALL: “Here I am!”

HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
 4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine inheritance, now and always;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
 raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

ONE: Arise, shine; for you light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 ALL: Alleluia! All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God,
 you know us better than we know ourselves.
 Our prayers are in your heart
 even before they are on our lips.
 And yet we must utter our prayers.
 We must proclaim our praise of you
 and all your wondrous creation.
 Your love surrounds us
 and you have promised to be with us always.
 You know our hearts' desire to serve you.
 We pray that you will keep us true to that desire.
 And so we utter our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Response after the reading
 ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
 ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

**You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

GOSPEL READING - John 1:43-51

Response after reading:

ONE: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader

Tim Walton, *tenor*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide 'till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my
life to them. Whom shall I send?

SERMON

“A Divine Reality”

The Rev. Linda E. Owens

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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.

HYMN #741

“Guide My Feet”

1. Guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race;
guide my feet while I run this race, for I
don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand . . .

5. Search my heart . . .

3. Stand by me . . .

6. Guide my feet . . .

4. I'm your child . . .

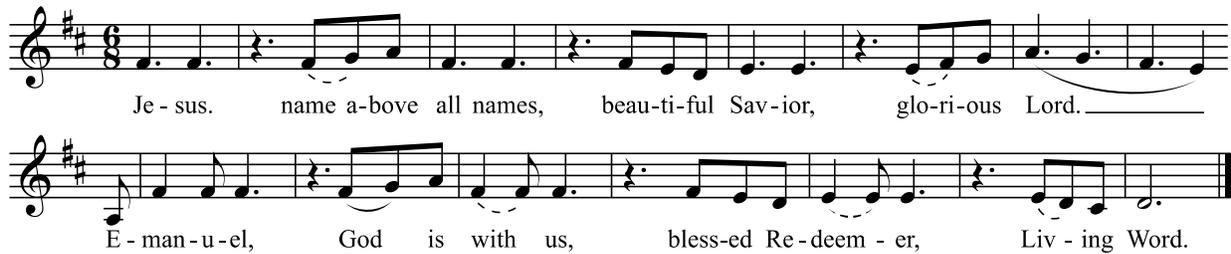
PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ALL: And also with you.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Jesus, Name Above All Names”



Je - sus. name a-bove all names, beau-ti-ful Sav-ior, glo-ri-ous Lord.

E - man - u - el, God is with us, bless-ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.

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POSTLUDE “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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To whom much is given, much will be required ... Luke 12:48

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