

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany — Baptisms

*Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.  
The \* indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.  
However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.  
All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

February 17, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

## Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Meditation in E-Flat Major  
Andante

Rex Koury  
Norman Landis

Call to Worship

One: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

**All: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.**

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

**All: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Sojourning God, we confess that we have strayed from the path of your Way. We've followed the ways of the world, searching for success and meaning. We've followed the path that is safe for us, where our needs are met, and often our desires, without risking anything. To do so, we've often ignored the wounded on the side of the road, the oppressed at the margins of society, the endangered who have fallen in the cracks. Forgive us for being afraid to risk or reach beyond our comfort zone. Forgive us for following our own safe way, instead of the Way that You showed us, through Jesus Christ. Call us back to Your path, so we may seek justice, love one another, and walk humbly with You. Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Choral Response

Lord Have Mercy

Choir

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength.

**All: They will rise up to fly like eagles,**

One: they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

# Proclaiming God's Word

## Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.  
All children and youth are invited to Sunday School classes following the Message.  
Childcare for infants through two-year-olds available in the nursery, room 11.  
Breakfast Club will be meeting this morning. Please meet in Room 22.*

Sacrament of Baptism of Juliet Olivia Russell, daughter of Mike and Emily Russell,  
and Chloe Juliette Levine, daughter of Keith and Kairee Lynn Levine

## Presentation

Profession of Faith and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

### \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Welcome

Elder: Members of the household of faith, I commend these families to your care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Juliet and Chloe into Christ's church.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Steve Lederach

Old Testament Reading      Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10 (pg.628)

## Anthem

Blessed

Valerie Showers Crescenz

Blessed the poor in spirit are, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs; and those who mourn will be comforted, for their sorrows will be shared. Blessed are those who are gentle and meek, for the earth shall be their prize; and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall they receive; and blessed are the pure in heart, for the Lord himself they will see. Blessed are the makers of peace, as God's children they shall be known, and those who suffer for the sake of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is their own. Blessed are you when men revile you, when they taunt and denounce, and say all manner of slanderous things against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, your reward is great, in heaven will you find rest; with all the prophets and all who have gone before, forever shall you be blessed.

Gospel Reading      Luke 6: 17 - 26 (pg. 838)

## Sermon

*Take the Long View*

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

## \*Hymn 172      Blest Are They

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

## Responding to God's Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work. O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

\*Doxology (hymn 607)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**Holy God, you have given us the earth in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving offerings bloom forth into the lives of others as blessings in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

## Sending the Faithful Into God's World

\*Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

\*Charge and Benediction

Response

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Welsh melody

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.

Postlude

Postlude on "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

David Paxton

**Next Sunday — February 24, 2019**

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Kim Bailey-Manzella preaching

Chancel Choir participating