

# Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 9:30am



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Bless

**Preparation For Worship:** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. *Psalm 36:5*

## Opening Song

## Be Still

**Be still and know that the Lord is in control  
Be still my soul - stand and watch as giants fall**

**I won't be afraid - You are here  
You silence all my fear  
I won't be afraid - You don't let go  
Be still my heart and know  
I won't be afraid**

**Be still and trust what the Lord has said is done  
Find rest don't strive - watch as faith and grace align**

**I won't be afraid - You are here  
You silence all my fear  
I won't be afraid - You don't let go  
Be still my heart and know  
I won't be afraid**

**I won't be afraid**

**Surely love and mercy  
Your peace and kindness  
Will follow me will follow me**

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Your peace and kindness  
Will follow me will follow me**

**Your love surrounds me  
Your love surrounds me here  
Your love surrounds me  
Your love surrounds me here**

## Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: God the Father loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**People: The promised Messiah came! We celebrate the Epiphany of His coming. Emmanuel is God with us, and Christ will come again! He is the Prince of Peace, and Lord of all!  
God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

**People: All the time!**

Pastor: God is good!

**People: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth.**

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We confess our need of forgiveness, and that God's forgiveness is the gift that leads to newness of life. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, born in a manger, died on a cross, and risen from the grave: All to redeem us from sin, death, the devil, and our sinful self. As Paul wrote in Romans 3 "This was to show God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance God had passed over former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus." Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

**People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Forgive me of my sins, I pray. (Reflection for confession)**

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gave power to become the children of God, and gave His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

**People: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Our God is merciful and tender. He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us and to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death, to guide our steps into the path of peace. *Luke 1:78-79*

Let us pray:

People: **My heart is lifted in praising You, God of mercy and tenderness. Give my eyes clarity to see the light of Your salvation at work in the darkness of this world. Open my soul to receive the light of Your salvation into my darkest shadows. Guide my steps to work in peace and to bring peace to those I meet. Amen.**

## Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord. <sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. <sup>10</sup> Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who

empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**Reader:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.** *Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*

Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sermon Song**

**I Will Wait For You**

**Out of the depths I cry to You - in darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew and hear my cry for mercy, Lord**

**Were You to count my sinful ways - how could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze - I stand redeemed by grace alone**

**I will wait for You - I will wait for You - on Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You - surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied**

**So put your hope in God alone - take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave**

**His steadfast love has made a way - and God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice**

**I will wait for You - I will wait for You - on Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You - surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied**

**I will wait for You - I will wait for You - through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You - surely wait for You for Your love is my delight**

**Sermon/Watchword**      *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

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*Now There Are Varieties Of Gifts, But The Same Spirit;  
And There Are Varieties Of Services, But The Same Lord*

**Offering Song**

**Lord, I Lift Your Name On High**

**Lord I lift Your name on high - Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life - I'm so glad You came to save us  
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high**

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From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high**

**Prayers of the Church**      *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,  
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

**Pastor:**      Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

**People:**      **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray**

**that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

**People: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### **Benediction**     *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

**People:**(Sung)**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, may your gifts given be enlivened by the Spirit of God for the service of our Lord.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

**People: our service begins!**

### **Closing Song**

### **More Than Conquerors**

**When my hope and strength is gone You're the One who calls me on  
You are the life - You are the fight that's in my soul**

**Oh Your resurrection pow'r burns like fire in my heart  
When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne**

**We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life**

**We will not bow to sin or to shame - We are defiant in Your name  
You are the fire that cannot be tamed - You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord our God our conqueror**

**I will sing into the night - Christ is risen and on high  
Greater is He - living in me than in the world  
No surrender no retreat - We are free and we're redeemed  
We will declare - over despair You are the hope**

**We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life  
We will not bow to sin or to shame - We are defiant in Your name  
You are the fire that cannot be tamed - You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord our God our conqueror**

**Nothing is impossible - ev'ry chain is breakable  
With You we are victorious  
You are stronger than our hearts - You are greater than the dark  
With You we are victorious**

**We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life  
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## **SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE**

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**The 2025 Altar Flower Chart** is up in the hallway. You may sign up for one or two vases. The cost per vase is \$22.50 per vase or \$45.00 for both vases. Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of an individual or special event.

**The Mission of the Month for January** is our Mitten Tree – holding mittens, gloves, hats and scarves which will be distributed to those who need them by our Jericho Road Ministries food program. Use the Mission of the Month envelopes to support this mission.

**The January Newsletter** is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge, on the shelf outside the church office and also on the desk in the library. *Please remember: We no longer have a way to find out if you have moved. Call the church office with new addresses and/or phone numbers.*

### **Bible Studies/Small Groups**

**Monday** 1:00pm Bible Study  
**Wednesday** 6:00pm G.I.F.T.

### **Worship at Zion**

**Wednesday** 7:00pm Worship  
**Saturday** 5:00pm Chapel  
**Sunday** 8:00am Worship  
9:30am G.I.F.T. Worship  
11:30am Swahili-English Worship

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