

**Morning Worship
9:30 AM
January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

“When we are on the beach we only see a small part of the ocean. However, we know that there is much more beyond the horizon. We only see a small part of God's great love, a few jewels of His great riches, but we know that there is much more beyond the horizon. The best is yet to come, when we see Jesus face-to-face.”

— Corrie Ten Boom

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come in these endless days, Precious God, people in need of the constancy of your love:

People: May we drink deeply from your fountain of life; may we continue to be guided by your Light.

Leader: We gather in these weary days, Water-changing God, people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

People: May we drink deeply from your fountain of grace; may our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.

Leader: We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God, people who try to point others to Jesus:

People: May we drink deeply from your fountain of joy; may our life be strengthened by your Life.

✦HYMN

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

✠ CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: Ignorance is no excuse, we know how our lives do not reflect God's grace, God's hope, God's justice. But God will not give up on us, He is waiting to forgive us and call us as His children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated the lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

✦ TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

✦ ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: God delights in you. So much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent but will call you by name: 'My Delight.'

People: **God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! Amen.**

✦ RESPONSE TO PARDON #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: O God, as your Word became flesh in the coming of Jesus, so we pray that the scriptures we read today might come alive in our hearts and minds.

People: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING (NRSV)

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each

holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

People: Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL OFFERING ***"God So Loved the World"*** John Stainer
Adult Choir

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN Vanna Ortiz
(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

SERMON ***"The Best Is Yet to Come"*** Tanya Blankinship

JOYS AND CONCERNS** *(A Silence)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Tina Locke

THE LORD'S PRAYER (American Standard Version)

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.

OFFERING

✠ **RESPONSE TO PARDON #608**

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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As the Wind Song

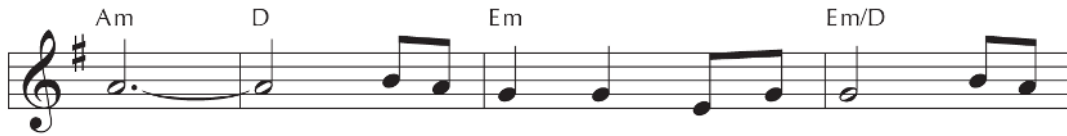
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1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **RESPONSE**

“Go Forth Into the World In Peace”

John Rutter

✠ **POSTLUDE**

✠ **THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

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