

Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Prelude *Partita on "Lobe den Herren"* Don Freudenburg

Chimes

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Introit *You Are Before Me, Lord* Hymn 28

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

God, you have searched me and known me.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know it. Wherever I go, you lay your hand upon me.

Far beyond our understanding are your thoughts and your ways.

Wonderful are your works, mighty God. We praise your holy name!

*Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Almighty God, you are creator of all, yet we confess that we have not served you with the fullness of commitment that you deserve. You call, but we fail to listen. You ask us to follow, but we go our own way. You offer us new life, but we tread old, familiar paths that are empty and barren. In your mercy, loving God, forgive our sin. Replace our waywardness with faithful trust. Renew our spirits by your Spirit. Lead us to follow and serve Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

*Kyrie (Hymn 475 v.3) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Passing of the Peace

Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

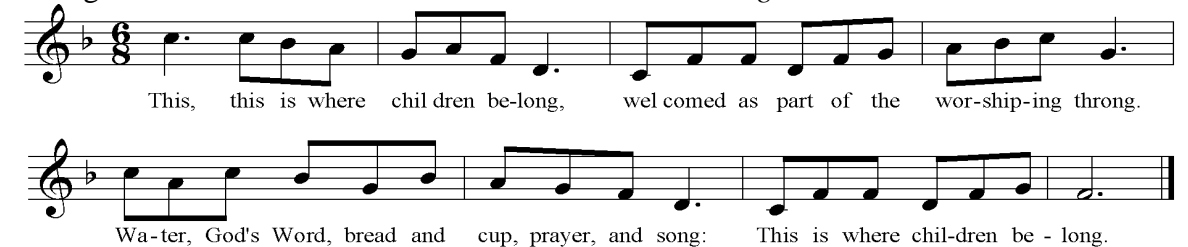
*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 581) *Gloria Patri* William Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Message for Children *This is Where Children Belong* James Ritchie



This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Anthem *Search Me, O God* Bobby Huguley

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Pew Bible, NT page 247

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed *Betty Connette*

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (pg. 35 in front of hymnal)

*Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

Sharing Pastoral Concerns and Joys

Prayers of the People and 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.

Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Jesus, Lead Thou On* Paul Manz

*Doxology (Hymn 607) OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

SENDING

*Hymn 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz

Worship Notes

Acolyte: Will Fischer
Ushers: John and Janice Aldridge, Barbara and Mike McIntire
Worship Leaders: Betty Connette, Robert Owens, Janet Cherry, and the Chancel Choir

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