

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:00 a.m. February 12, 2023

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 611                      **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**                      HYMN TO JOY

\*Expressing Our Joy

*Leader: Who are you?*

**People: I am a child of God.**

*Leader: Who are we?*

**People: We are children of God, the family of faith.**

*Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?*

**People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.**

*Leader: Amen.* (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God's Forgiveness (*responsive*)

*Leader: In prayer together, let us ask for God's forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers.*

*Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it's wrong. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I'm sorry.*

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Leader: God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us.*

Time of Silence and Personal Reflection

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Message for the Children

(Children are invited to participate in a special activity in the Education Wing.)

\*Hymn 450                      **Be Thou My Vision**                      SLANE

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 691 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem                      **Great Is The Lord**                      arr. Ed Lojeski

Matthew 12:28-31 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 46 in the pew Bible.]

Message                      **Hearts All Around Us**                      The Rev. Vance Polley

\*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

***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.***

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\*At the Presentation                      **Doxology** (No. 606)                      OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

\*Hymn 494                      **Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**                      QUEBEC

\*Blessing and Choral Benediction                      **Amen** (Hymn 574)

\*Those that are able, please stand.