

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. January 14, 2024

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: *The Lord is my light and my salvation;*

People: **Whom shall I fear?**

Leader: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life;*

People: **Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: *One thing I asked of the Lord,*

People: **That I will seek after;**

Leader: *To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,*

People: **To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: *I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*

People: **Wait for the Lord;**

Leader: *Be strong, and let your heart take courage;*

People: **Wait for the Lord!**

(Psalm 27)

Leader: *May the Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Let us pray.* (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Guitar Instrumental

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Sacrament of Baptism

Shepard Rhodes Skinner

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35)

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.

*Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Micah 6:6-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 816 in the pew Bible.]

Guitar Instrumental

Matthew 18:1-5 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 18 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

The Power of Humility

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

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Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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.

* Hymn 69

Here I am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

*Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.

We welcome guitarist Gregory Guay to our music leadership.