

**Order of Worship February 13, 2022  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

***Gathering Music***

*FOREVER*

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things; His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.*

*Forever God is with us, forever.*

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.*

*Forever God is with us, forever. Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.

And by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.*

*Forever God is with us. Forever. Forever.*

***Welcome***

*Rev. Barbara Macfie*

***Call To Worship***

*Liturgist*

*L:* I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart. I sing your praise and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

*C:* **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.**

**You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

*A:* **Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

***Hymn***

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise GTG #12*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

***Call to Confession***

*Liturgist*

"Lord as we come before you in this time of confession we ask that you help us to see, and to know our sins, so that in confessing them, with your forgiveness, we will be free from them.

***Prayer of Confession***

**O Lord, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.**

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

*Words of Forgiveness*

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven. May you feel that forgiveness in your heart. Amen.

*Gloria Patri*

**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, amen.**

**Hearing the Word**

***Message for all God's Children***

*Barbara Macfie*

*Rev.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Liturgist*

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips, and in our hearts. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading:***

***Psalm 138***

*Liturgist*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart, before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

***New Testament Reading:***

***Luke 5:1-11***

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Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night

long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Hymn**            **Two Fisherman**            (tune: it came upon the midnight clear)

**Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,  
stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.  
Now Jesus watched them from afar, then called them each by name.  
It changed their lives, these simple men; they'd never be the same.**

**(Choir)**

***"Leave all the things you have today and come and follow me."***

**And as he walked along the shore 'twas James and John he'd find,  
and these two sons of Zebedee would leave their boats behind.  
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.  
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called; they came without regret.**

**(Choir)**

***"Leave all the things you have today and come and follow me."***

**O Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John beloved one,  
you heard Christ's call to speak good news revealed to God's own Son.  
Susanna, Mary, Magdalene who traveled with your Lord,  
You ministered to him with joy for he is God adored.**

**(Choir)**

***"Leave all the things you have today and come and follow me."***

**And you, good Christians, one and all who'd follow Jesus' way,  
come leave behind what keeps you bound to trappings of our day,  
and listen as he calls your name to come and follow near,  
for still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear.**

**(Choir)**

***"Leave all the things you have today and come and follow me."***

**Sermon**                            ***“Jesus, Tell Us Where To Let Down Our Nets”***  
**Rev. Barbara Macfie**

**Responding to the Word**

**Anthem      *A Shining Light***

***Affirmation of Faith***

*Liturgist*

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

***Offertory***

*Liturgist*

***Doxology              #607***

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

***Offertory Prayer***

*Liturgist*

*Gracious God, use our offerings and all that we have for the building up of your work, in this church and, in the wider world, Amen.*

***Communion***

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***Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
Prayer After Communion***

**Hymn              *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing***

**GTG # 546**

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation*

in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us,  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.

***Benediction***

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***Postlude***