# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 17, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship –** O Lord, you know my every thought, my every movement, my every way; search me and oversee me, that I might know your constant presence and be with you to the end.

#### Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time

## Song #245 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

### \*Call to Worship

You are not your own! But anyone united to the Lord is one with Christ in the Spirit!

## Come, O Spirit, to your holy temple!

You have been bought with a price! Therefore, glorify God in your body!

## Come, O Spirit, to your holy temple!

God has raised the Lord Jesus from death and will raise us also with Christ!

## Welcome, O Spirit, to your holy temple!

#### We open our hearts to you!

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## \*Invocation Prayer

## Songs of Faith #243 "Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise"

The Prayer of God's 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

## **Old Testament Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1-20

- A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
  - You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
  - You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
  - Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
  - You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
  - Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
  - For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
  - I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
  - My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

#### Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

- How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end I am still with you.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading		1 Corinthians 6:12-20
*Gospel Reading		John 1:43-51
Responsorial "M	lake Us One"	Worship Team
<b>Children's Message</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade and y		ounger to Junior Church)

#### Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special

#### Message "Authenticity & Intimacy: To Know and Be Known" The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

#### **RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

#### \*Song #559

"Here I Am, Lord"

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude

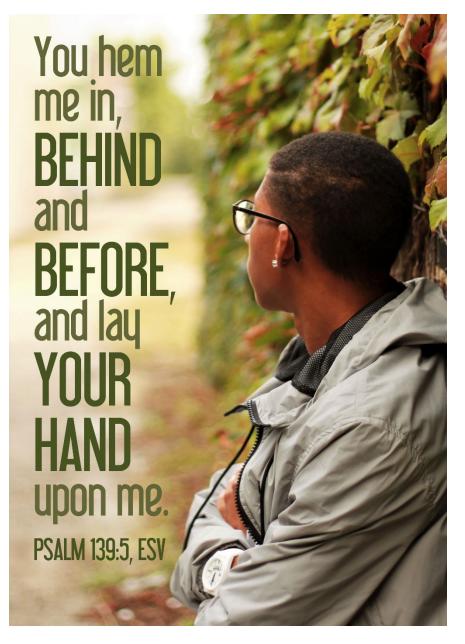
#### \*Please stand if able

**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM** – We practice "believer's baptism" which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER –** We celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.



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