

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 13, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship – Let me be like a tree planted by streams of living water. Fill me with your strength, that I may not be moved. Ground me in your holy word, that in your risenness, I too might be raised with all your church and behold your blessed face.

Prelude **Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name **The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

***Opening Song #** **“Sing with All the Saints of Glory”**
525 **“When We All Get to Heaven”** *ELIZA HEWITT*

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

But the way of the wicked will perish.

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***Song of Faith** **“Better is One Day”** **WORSHIP TEAM**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

The Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Luke 6:17-26**

***Responsorial #109** **“O How I Love Jesus”** *FREDERICK WHITFIELD*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community: 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Offertory Special

Prayer and The Message **“Fruitful Trees Planted by Living Waters”**
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, follow Jesus in baptism, or join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Closing Hymn #390** **“We're Marching to Zion”** *ISAAC WATTS*

***Spoken Benediction** **The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

***Postlude** **Jan Mauck, Church Pianist**

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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the way of the righteous ...**

Psalm 1:6, NRSV

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