

# EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

## FEBRUARY 20, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

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

\*Opening Song # 656 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Worship Team

### \*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord and do good; so, you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.**

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

**But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

Psalm 37:1-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible, copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

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\*Songs of Faith #300

#451

"In the Garden"

"Be Still, My Soul"

AUSTIN MILES

FINLANDIA

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-50

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 6:27-38

\*Responsorial # 302

"He Lives"

ACKLEY

Children's Sermon (Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

"Doing the Impossible: Living God's Love"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship

\*Closing Hymn # 569 (BH)

"Make Me a Blessing"

\*Spoken Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

\*Postlude

Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

*\*Stand when able*

## 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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“But I say to you that listen,  
*Love*  
your enemies,  
*do good*  
to those who hate you,  
*bless*  
those who curse you,  
*pray*  
for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

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