

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 12, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

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

*Opening (Stand) #95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" JOYFUL SONG

*Call to Worship (Stand) [Psalm 119:1-8]

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees,
Who see him with their whole heart,
Who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
Having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,
When I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;
Do not utterly forsake me.**

†Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

*Opening Prayer (Stand) Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Song of Faith "Build My Life" Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour Hunter

The First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 5:21-37

*Responsorial (Stand) #589 "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" MARYTON

*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

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

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

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.



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Prayer of Dedication What joy it is, O God, to be united in Christ in your common purpose; what a delight to participate in your fruitful ways! Though our part is small, and our gifts are humble, you are able to unite and grow them and bring about a new and glorious result. Do so, we pray, with this offering, in the name of Jesus.

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message: "Love's Interpretation of the Law"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND 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.

*Closing Hymn (Stand) "The Blessing" Worship Team

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

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 and 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 the 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 the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. 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... Mt 5:21-22
But I say... Mt 5:27-
But I say... Mt. 5:31-
But I say... Mt 5:33-34
But I say... Mt 5:38-
But I say...Mt 5:43-44

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