

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Opening Song (Stand) # 72 "Holy Ground" GERON DAVIS

*Call to Worship (Stand)

We are gathered as the people of God to acknowledge that the Lord Almighty is our God. We come to confess before Him our sins with the firm assurance of His forgiving love and merciful pardon, to offer him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, to pray for the world, and to reconsecrate ourselves as His servants to all nations in Jesus' name.

Therefore, through Christ Jesus, let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, which is the fruit of lips that thankfully acknowledge and confess and glorify His name (Heb. 13:15).

Worthy of praise from every mouth, of confession from every tongue, of worship from every creature, is God's glorious name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they exist, and were created and brought into being (Rev. 4:11).

To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore you, singing and praising without ceasing, saying:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come (Rev. 4:8).

Let us praise our unchanging, eternal God!

Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith # "Jesus Messiah" Worship Team
"Shine Jesus, Shine"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)

Mark 1:40-45

*Responsorial (Stand) # 303

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

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

The Children's Sermon

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 – The Bible says, "Do not neglect to do good, to contribute to the needy of the church as an expression of fellowship, for such sacrifices are always pleasing to God" (Heb. 13:16). All are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord in Jesus' name.



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Offertory

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND 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) #

"Family of God"

Worship Team

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude

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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) that 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 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, 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 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.



OUR MISSION – We love God and we love people by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.

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*“People came to
JESUS from everywhere.”*
Mark 1:45 (CEV)

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