

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

February 11, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Almighty God, in signs and wonders your Son revealed the greatness of your saving love. Renew your people with your grace, and sustain us by your power, for we can do nothing without you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

People: **"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

Leader: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

People: **It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.** Lamentations 3:21-25

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

*Hymn: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #267

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life* #421
verses 1 and 4

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: God shows His love for us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

People: **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.** First Peter 2:24

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen**

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord God, let us understand the teachings of Jesus that we may meditate upon them. Help us to understand your word that we can find comfort in sorrow and the strength to do your work. May your word guide us in right living, and through it know for sure the wonder of your grace, for we pray in Jesus' name, the Word made flesh. Amen.
Based on Psalm 119:27-29

Psalter: Psalm 136
Let Us with a Gladsome Mind #31

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

People: **His love endures forever.**

All singing: **Verse one**

Leader: Who made the great lights

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: The sun to govern the day,

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: The moon and stars to govern the night;

People: **His love endures forever.**

All singing: **Verse two**

Leader: And who gives food to every creature.

People: **His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

People: **His love endures forever.**

All singing: **Verse three**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

People: **His love endures forever.**

All singing: **Verse four**

Scripture Reading: **Mark 12:28-34**

Anthem: *Blessed Is the Man* Ron Anderson
Brenton Mattox, guest conductor

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, not stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of living water that yields its fruit in due season, its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers.

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* side panel

Scripture Reading: **First Corinthians 13**

Sermon: **Agape Love**

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* #729

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Lord, Make Us More Faithful* #313

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747

BEECHER: 8. 7. 8. 7. D.
John Zundel, 1870



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - bledwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove;
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - MEN.



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Perdue John Moore
Lynnae Perdue Margaret Sultenfuss
Shepherd: Billie Kitchens
Liturgist: Anna Morales
Reader: Kristi Hachtel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 11

6:00 pm Valentine Chili and Bingo

Monday, February 12

1:00 pm Circle Meeting

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 18

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Youth

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¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. ¹³So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.