

# Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

*Adoration*

Florence Price

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

*We come this day, Precious God,  
as people in need of your steadfast love:*

**with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

*We gather this day, Water-changing God,  
as people looking for signs:*

**with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

*We worship this day, Gifting God,  
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:*

**with you is the fountain of life;  
in your Light we see light.**

### ◆ Hymn 12

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

O God, we look for you in all the wrong places and then wonder why we cannot find you.  
 We wander the corridors of power while you are on the sidewalks beside the homeless.  
 We sit at the head tables of the world,  
 while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor.  
 We applaud those who win the race while you are cheering on those in last place.  
 O God, forgive us and transform our hearts. Make us servants of your grace and peace.  
 Be merciful to us and challenge us to think of all those we have ignored.  
 In giving us eyes to see and hands to serve, empower us to proclaim Jesus Christ,  
 as the hope, the joy, and the peace the world seeks.

## Silent Prayers

## Sung Response

Hymnal Supplement 69

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*It is not money, but our generosity with it;  
 it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;  
 it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift,  
 which transforms us into God's children.*

**It is more than just how we think, it is how we live.  
 In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits  
 are transformed and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ◆ Sung Response

All glo - ry be to God in heaven, who un - to us the Son has given!  
 With all the an - gel choir re - joice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

## ◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

## God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58: 7-12

Anthem (11:00) *I Sat Down Under His Shadow* Edward Bairstow  
I sat down under His shadow with great delight,  
and His fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and His banner over me was love.

New Testament Lesson John 2:1-11

Sermon Who Will Save Us Now? Ken Henry

## Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith (based on a sermon by Martin Luther King Jr.)

*Martin Luther King Jr. once preached: "For the person who hates, the beautiful becomes ugly and the ugly becomes beautiful. For the person who hates, the good becomes bad and the bad becomes good. For the person who hates, the true becomes false and the false becomes true. That's what hate does.*

*You can't see right. The symbol of objectivity is lost.*

*Hate destroys the very structure of the personality of the hater."*

*We ask for hearts free of the distortions of hatred.*

**Love is the only way.**

*We seek to discover the element of good in all people, acknowledging the image of God in everyone.*

**Love is the only way.**

*We wish to end the chain of hate and evil and replace it with the strong and powerful element of divine love.*

**Love is the only way.**

*We aspire to live and serve with love's redemptive power. May we be instruments of your power through love.*

**Love is the only way. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 39 (11:00) **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** FAITHFULNESS

The first line may be sung, "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Glory to God hymnal p. 35

◆ Hymn 273 **He Is King of Kings** HE IS KING

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude *Wade in duh wadduh* William Farley Smith

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Dick Haines in memory of Charity Haines and loved ones.*

# What's Happening at Westminster

## Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal  
 1:30 p.m. Session Meeting  
 2 p.m. Deacons Meeting via Zoom

## Monday, January 17

Church Office is Closed  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting via Zoom

## Thursday, January 20

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, January 23

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary  
 Congregational Meeting to follow the 11 a.m. service in-person and via Zoom  
 9:30 a.m. Church School  
 12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds  
 3 p.m. Peace, Justice, and Inclusion Committee Meeting via Zoom

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