

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

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Welcome 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 I give you a new commandment John Sheppard

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship 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 seek 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.

◆ Hymn 688 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, there are so many times when our hearts turn away from you. We become angry and judgmental, we do not tell the truth, we squander your blessings, and we covet things that do not belong to us. Forgive us. Open our hearts to your truth that we may speak words of encouragement to others, forgive those who have hurt us, and accept your will for our lives. May we follow in Christ's footsteps, becoming more faithful disciples.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

HS 71

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 - ioice, and prai - ses sing with heart and voice.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Colleen Earp, Program Director at Massanetta Springs

Anthem

We Will Take What You Offer

John Bell

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word;
We will love one another and be led by you, Lord.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

OT p. 179

Ann Parks

Second Reading

Matthew 5:21-37

NT p. 4

Sermon

Small, Medium, Large, or Supersized?

Jewell-Ann Parton

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

◆ Hymn 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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Prayers of the Congregation and the 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.**

Offertory

Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe
(sung in Swahili)

East African
arr. Kirk Aamot

There is no God like you, and there never will be!
I've walked all around, I've searched all around,
I've gone all round.
There is no one who resembles Jesus.
There isn't, and there never will be!

◆ Presentation of the Offering

HS 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance, we thank you for our many gifts: life, breath, family, friends, food and fellowship. Most of all, we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. May our tithes and offerings bring that same abundant life to those who do not know you yet, or who do not enjoy the abundance you desire for all your children. Amen.

◆ Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

◆ Charge and Benediction

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Postlude

Fugetta on Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot

J. S. Bach

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by an anonymous donor, with thanks for all of God's gifts.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

Monday, February 13

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

7 p.m. Mission Study Team Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, February 14

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, February 15

7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wednesday Wind Down (off site)

Thursday, February 16

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting in the Lower Lounge

12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

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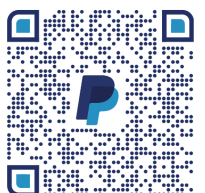
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Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)
 Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)
 B^b Am F Gm Am Dm



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate sparseness.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.
 MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985
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435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.