

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* *Kendall*
 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian *Edwards*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Dan Obenschain*

Give the king your justice, O God,
**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice.**
In his time will righteousness flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
**He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.**
Come, let us worship God.

 **Invocation** *Dan Obenschain*

Almighty Lord God,
you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:
We praise and magnify your holy name that in him
you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people.
With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet,
confessing him as King of heaven and earth,
we now present the worship of our grateful hearts,
asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 283** *We Are God's People*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Dan Obenschain

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of
your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.
Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed,
we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dan Obenschain

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.
If we say that we have fellowship with him
while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true;
but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 Gloria Patri

*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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him,
all the earth.

Offering

Offertory *They'll Know We Are Christians* *arr. Broughton*

! Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

! Prayer of Dedication (Responsively)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Proclaiming *God speaks to us through His Word*

Children's Sermon

God's Adopted Children

Dan Baker

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons *and daughters*.

John 1:11-12

¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Matthew 10:32

"So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

Romans 8:15-17

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons *and daughters*, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ

Ephesians 3:6,14-15

⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom *the whole* family in heaven and on earth is named.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them *into* the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."


1 John 3:1-2

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when *Jesus* appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Sermon

*"The Adoption Ceremony"
Rev. James Caldwell*

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 44**
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*Children of the Heavenly Father
The Family of God (Sing Twice)*

 **Profession of Faith**

**Adoption is an act of God's free grace
in and for his only son, Jesus Christ,
by which all those who are justified become his children, have his name put on them,
have the Spirit of his Son given to them,
are provided for under his fatherly care,
are welcomed to all the liberties and privileges
of the sons of God,
and are made heirs of all the promises
and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.**
– From the Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 74

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Hymn 543**

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Linda Gyath and Jim Fox*

 **Postlude**

Christ, Our Strength and Consolation

Broughton