Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 13, 2022

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

There Is None Like You with Our Great Savior LeBlanc
I Worship You, Almighty God Corbett-Wood

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Celia Weber

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Let us worship the Triune God.

Invocation (Responsively

Celia Weber

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name.

Great is your love. Amen.

∳ Hymn 76

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Celia Weber

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy

forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

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 As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,

and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling

sacrifice to God.

Offering

Offertory Scars in Heaven West/Hall

Solo - Sandy Dulaney

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

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

<u>∳</u> Hymn

Jesus, Firm Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word What more can He say than to you He has said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand Upheld by His merciful almighty hand

Chorus
How firm our foundation
How sure our salvation
And we will not be shaken
Jesus firm foundation

The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord Will press on enduring the darkest of storm And though even hell should endeavor to shake He'll never no never no never forsake He'll never no never no never forsake

Chorus

Bridge
Age to age He stands faithful to the end
All may fade away but He will remain
He will remain

Chorus

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Turn the Other Cheek

Susan Obenschain

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, **An eye for an eye** and **a tooth for a tooth.** ³⁹ But I tell you, don't resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and don't turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, **Love your neighbor** and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Sermon

"Love Your Enemies" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

♥ Hymn 277

The Church's One Foundation

Profession of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven. and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

∯ Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things we will say together We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld protected gathered up Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning oh how long Oh God of Jacob be my strength Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together bring shalom Chorus

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Linda Gyrath and Jim Fox

Stairs

Postlude Postludium in F