### Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 20, 2022

### Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude	'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	Martin
	How Lovely Is His Peace	Neal

### Welcome & Announcements

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

## Invocation

Susan Obenschain

God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see. You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud. Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us. May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you. **Amen.** 

Y Hymn 268

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

<u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

**Prayer of Confession** (*Responsively*)

Susan Obenschain

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

#### **Time for Silent Confession**

### Assurance of Pardon

Susan Obenschain

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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.

### <u>Offering</u> Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Opportunities to Serve		Amy Styer
Invitation	Do good and share what you hav are pleasing to God.	ve, for such sacrifices
Offering		
Offertory	Lay Me Down Guitar—Bill Mecaughey	
Doxology		
	Praise God from whom all blessi Praise Him, all creatures here be Praise Him above, ye heav'nly h	elow;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

## Prayer of Dedication

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

**Hymn 111** Join All the Glorious Names

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

Children's Sermon The Hard Thing

Dan Baker

**Prayer of Illumination** 

### Scripture Reading Matthew 6:1-18

**6** "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> So whenever you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> "Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you<sup>17</sup> When you pray, don't babble like the Gentiles, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> "Therefore, you should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> "For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. <sup>15</sup> But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses.

<sup>16</sup> "Whenever you fast, don't be gloomy like the hypocrites. For they disfigure their faces so that their fasting is obvious to people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting isn't obvious to others but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Sermon

*"Hypocritical Faith" Rev. Tim Latham* 

### Responding We respond to God's Word

Hymn In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no schemes of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### 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 Almighty; 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 10** O Worship the King

## Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Barb Finch and Dan Obenschain

Postlude

With a song Ringing

Anderson