

**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023**

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

**Prelude**                      *Morning Has Broken (Gaelic Melody);  
Amazing Grace (Folk Tune);  
Crown Him with Many Crowns*                      *by Elvey*  
*Flutes: Sarah & Jennifer Deal*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

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

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.  
**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**  
We desire to live in God's house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.  
**We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**  
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.  
**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)                      *Dan Obenschain*

Holy and loving God,  
we come to you,  
with hopes and fears,  
with convictions and doubts,  
with pain and joy.  
By your Spirit,  
**help us to see all things  
in the light of your Word,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
By your Spirit,  
**help us to pray honestly,  
to listen attentively,  
to encourage one another warmly.**  
By your Spirit,  
**help us grow in the grace and knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns forever.**  
**All glory to you, both now and forever! Amen.**

 **Hymn 25**                      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Dan Obenschain*

“Come now, let us settle the matter,”  
says the LORD.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool.”

**Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

*Dan Obenschain*

**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**

*Dan Obenschain*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

*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**      The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it.

### **Offering**

**Offertory**      Allegro from Grand Duo, Opus 39                      by Kuhlau  
Sarah Deal & Pamela Johnson

### **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**

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.

### **Praise Song**      *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
(2 times)*

*To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
(2 times)*

*To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You!*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
(2 times)*

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**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Children's Sermon**

*Who's in Control*

*Dan Baker*

**Scripture Reading**

*Mark 1:21-34*

<sup>21</sup> They went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> They were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes.

<sup>23</sup> Just then a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. He cried out, <sup>24</sup> "What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> Jesus rebuked him saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him.

<sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and so they began to ask each other, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once the news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity of Galilee.

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went into Simon and Andrew's house with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> When evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him all those who were sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town was assembled at the door, <sup>34</sup> and he healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

**Sermon**

*"Jesus with Authority"*  
*Rev. Dr. Dennis Leshner*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***



**Hymn 466**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*



**Profession of Faith**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## Prayers of the People

**Commissioning**  
*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

 **Hymn 382**      *Be Thou My Vision*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are  
Bernie Hughes, Jim Fox*

 **Postlude**