

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 7, 2017

*(*indicates standing as you are able.)*

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CHORUS OF PRAISE "You Are Welcome Here" -Marty Parks
Come, you wounded, weakened, and weary, you are welcome here.
Come discouraged, come, broken-hearted, you are welcome here.
This is a refuge for grace; This is a harbor of mercy.
So, Come, you wounded, weakened, and weary, you are welcome here, you are welcome here.

Come, you wand'rer, spent from the journey, you are welcome here
Come with every burden you carry, you are welcome here.
This is a refuge for grace; This is a harbor of mercy
So, come, you wand'rer, spent from the journey, you are welcome here, you are welcome here.

Come, enter love's embrace; receive amazing grace— here in this place, here in this place.
Come, you hungry; come, all you thirsty, you are welcome here.
Come for healing, strength, and forgiveness, you are welcome here, you are welcome here, you are welcome here.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE "We Three Kings of Orient Are" arr. Joel Raney
Arlene Zook and Tom Evitts
We quiet ourselves in prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God.

*HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" 250

*PRAYER

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE APOSTLES CREED 881

LAMBS' TALK "Where Children Belong" 2233
(Following the Lambs' Talk, Children are invited to Junior Church)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

(If you give electronically, you will find a Green E-Giving card, located in the pew-card rack, to place in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY "Walking in the Air" Howard Blake

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN "We Three Kings" 254

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:41-52

SERMON In the Father's House

CHANCEL CHOIR "Prince of Peace" Keith Wilkerson
Beth Dickinson- piano accompanis

INVITATION

*CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor prays, concluding: *And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The pastor prays, concluding, *As we proclaim the mystery of faith*)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(The pastor continues, concluding with –all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever)

Amen! The pastor concludes saying: *And now with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using the word sins and sin*)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" 251

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Joel Raney
Arlene Zook and Tom Evitts
(Depart in peace or remain in reflection and prayer)

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