

Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 14, 2018

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

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CHORUS OF PRAISE "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" 2031

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. D. Hegarty
We quiet ourselves in prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

You have searched me, Lord, and You know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

*HYMN "Rejoice the Lord is King" 715

*PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

CHANCEL CHOIR "Amazing Grace" arr. Ed Lojeski

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 "Largo" G. F. Handel

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 94

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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 89

*SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 12:27-30, 40-43

SERMON Experiencing Joy in Worship and Thanks

*THE APOSTLES CREED 88

*HYMN "Marching to Zion" 73

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (Shine On!)" R. F. Boyce
(Depart in peace or remain in reflection and prayer)

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Rev. Steven M. Livermore Pastor
Ms. Brenda Gabler Worship Leader
Mr. Tom Evitts Organist
Mr. Don Dickinson Chancel Choir Director

Nehemiah 12:27-30, 40-43

27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. 28 The musicians also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem—from the villages of the Netophathites, 29 from Beth Gilgal, and from the area of Geba and Azmaveth, for the musicians had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem. 30 When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall. 40 The two choirs that gave thanks then took their places in the house of God; so did I, together with half the officials, 41 as well as the priests—Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah and Hananiah with their trumpets— 42 and also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malkijah, Elam and Ezer. The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah. 43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

