

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. February 23, 2025

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 69 ***Here I Am, Lord***

Daniel L. Schutte

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We choose the living God.

Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life.

People: We will walk the way of Christ.

Leader: Faith is not about holding on.

People: Faith is about letting go.

Leader: We offer more than words, O God.

People: We offer you our lives. Congregation seated.)

Instrumental 3rd Movement "Rondo" (from Concerto No. 5, op. 22)
Graham Parker, violin

Friedrich Seitz

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

God of all forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear your promise amid our own self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Hymn 733 ***We All Are One in Mission*** ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEN

Exodus 18:13-23 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 62 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Blest Are They, The Poor In Spirit*** (Hymn 172)

David Haas

Acts 6:1-6 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 116 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon ***Many Hands Make Light Work*** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Phil. 2:5-11)

Ordination and Installation of Elders

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(In the *Offering*, we dedicate our lives and a portion of the resources God has entrusted to us. Your gifts may be dedicated online, by mail, or in-person.)

*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn 298 ***Lord, You Give the Great Commission*** ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.