

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Tony Merry

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

Cindy Lawyer

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken"

G. W. Cassler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

*OPENING PRAYER

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM "Be Still My Soul"
Grace Chancel Choir

C. Courtney

HYMN 251 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" [refrain]

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Burris

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Service Prelude in C" E. Thayer

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

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!

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Mark 1:4-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mark Chow

LISTEN

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new. And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ members of his body on earth

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, on God now and forever.

The spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray. — Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, or redirect the winds of the Spirit. We lose hope or take hope away from others. We let the world tell us who we are, or even let the church limit what you would make of us. We walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound and we forget your power. We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Speak to us once more your great good news of life and pour into us afresh your love, stronger than death, until we can all rise, and each in our own voice proclaim.

I am a child of God.

Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.

Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters fill us with hope for your now and coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father! Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord! Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One! All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

Remember that you are baptized and rejoice!

I am a child of God. Thanks be to God!

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

*SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 585 “This Little Light of Mine” [vs. 1]

POSTLUDE

“Christ, Who Is My Life”

J. G. Walther

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 17

Worship – 17, 64

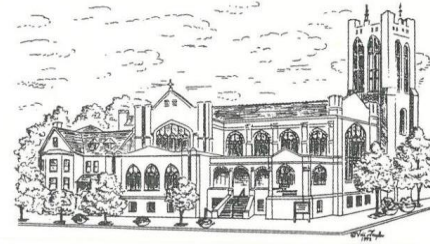
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 15 Juanita Jones, Joe McBride, Abby Anderson, Chris Minning

January 16 Theresa Beach

January 18 Marcia Thompson

January 20 Todd Kanavel



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Second Sunday after Epiphany - “Rise Up”

For the next few weeks, we will focus on what the church needs to do to get ready for its work of accompanying people on their journey to baptism or restoration in the life of the church during the Season of Lent. This morning we are reminded that since God is speaking, we need to listen to God's voice. Our response to God's Word is to reaffirm our baptismal vows.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Mark 1:4-11

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *Listen* — Pastor Mark Chow

Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Covenant

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church.....

.....Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's Holy Church.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

Going Forth to Celebrate

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 14	4:00 p.m.	Singspiration – John McIntire Library
Monday, January 15		<i>OFFICE CLOSED – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>
Tuesday, January 16	5:30 p.m.	Lay Membership Committee – Parlor
Wednesday, January 17	5:30-7:00	Soup Night
	NO	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 18	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study
Friday, January 19	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, January 20		
Sunday, January 21	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

Sunday, January 14 — 4:00 p.m. — John McIntire Library Auditorium – Free and open to the public – Singspiration and message commemorating and celebrating the life and contributions of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOIN US FOR SOUP NIGHT – Wednesday, January 17 – 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
Bring your favorite soup to share! Also, please bring a copy of the recipe so others may make and enjoy later! Grilled cheese, crackers, drinks, table service provided.

The children will make their “stone” soup for Club Jesus on January 28. Please bring in a can of soup (not creamed) to mix up so we can make our delicious soup. Thank you!