

**The Season of Epiphany
Annual Meeting Sunday**
(6th Sunday after the Epiphany)
February 13, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

Light to soften the shadows.

Light to warm the air.

Light to warm our hearts.

Light of presence, refining light, light of Christ.

Call to Worship

We know that Jesus stands among us here, for the gospel declares where two or three are gathered, Jesus is present.

We know that Jesus blesses our time together.

He blesses the work we do as his congregation.

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, Jesus leads us.

Let us follow him.

Let us lift up our voices in thanks and praise.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

(Voices United 232, vs. 1 - 3)

Words: Henry van Dyke 1907, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges 1864

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Jeremiah 17:5-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Reflection: Beloved Community

Hymn of the Day: The Church's One Foundation

(Voices United 331, vs. 1 & 2)

Words: Samuel John stone 1866; adapt. Laurence Hull Stookey 1983

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864

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- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Voices United 481, v. 2)

Words: Omer Westendorf 1964; alt.

Music: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Bernhard Sateren 1972

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2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

Sending Forth/Benediction

Beloved of God, Christ follower,
go into this world in which Jesus lived
and heed his call to follow your heart, not your fears.
Bless the world with your imagination,
transform it with your courage,
and enliven it with your compassion.
Let us go in peace and hope.
May God be our company,
may Christ Jesus walk before us,
and the Spirit surround us with a cloud of grace. Amen.

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Bill Cantelon and Nancy Walker

Music Leader – James Yi

Vocalists – Margaret Bates and Blyth Hughes

Welcoming – Edward Hickcox

Scripture Reading – Kate Insley

Technical Support – Karen Clark, Sascha Enns,

Peter Gray and Jayda Perry

Flowers for the service are offered by Edward Hickcox and Jiemei Li,

In celebration of the lives of Ed's parents,

Edward S and Jean C Hickcox