

January 16, 2022 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 1 - “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” is the first hymn in the New Century Hymnal. Walter Smith, a Scottish pastor, penned the lyrics to “St. Denio to express everything he could not fully express from the pulpit.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, nations of the earth, to bow before God. Distant galaxies proclaim the creator of all things.

Congregation: We are humbled by the wonders of creation. We are amazed by God’s mighty works.

Liturgist: This infinite God cares for each one of us. God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

Congregation: In our days of trouble, we call on our God. We are confident that God listens and answers.

Liturgist: let us also call on guard with our prayers of thanks. Let us celebrate the wondrous things God provides.

Congregation: God cares for us, even when others reject us. We gather to glorify God’s name.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 163 - “Many Are the Lightbeams” is based on the writings of a bishop of the early church. He was martyred in c.258. The text includes “Many are the light beams, branches, gifts and members; we are one in Christ.

Confession of Sin

Liturgist and Congregation: God, we are poor and needy in matters of the spirit. You have offered us newness of life, but we are fearful of its cost. Your gifts place us in debts so vast that we can never repay. We are not worthy of your love and cannot earn your forgiveness. How is it that when we accept your grace we sense a freedom we have never before enjoyed? Oh God, we want to be dead to sin and alive to you. Help us! Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 62:1-5 - The prophet Isaiah foresees a time when the scattered refugees of overthrown and defeated Israel will be brought back to Jerusalem and the nation and it’s people will be restored to its former glory.

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) - Special Music today comes from the King's Singers. Bette Midler originally recorded "The Rose" years ago. The Glastonbury Rose is a symbol for both Mary and the Infant Jesus. The flower is described as a Christmas rose

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - Paul tells the church folk at Corinth their spiritual gifts are diverse (wisdom, utterance of knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, speaking various languages) but the same Spirit and the same Lord makes this possible.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - NCH 166 - "Immortal Love, Forever Full"

Doxology

Gospel Lesson - John 2:1-11 - Jesus performs his first miracle at the wedding in Cana by turning water into wine and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon

Closing Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 50 - "I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty" This hymn text closes with "Each word, each act, a bright reflection of joy in Love's own resurrection."

Benediction

Postlude

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