

January 2, 2022 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 143 - While we are still in the 12 Days of Christmas, this hymn tells of Christians singing the news of the Christ child. "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" closes with "Glory to God and peace to all, forevermore, Alleluia!"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: True light is entering our world through Jesus Christ. Sing for joy and praise God, all people.

Congregation: God's Word makes the winds blow and water flow. Jesus Christ is God's Word to us and for us.

Liturgist: Receive the Word, and believe the good news. Know you are children of God, born of the Spirit.

Congregation: The Word became flesh to dwell with humanity. Grace and forgiveness are lavished upon us.

Liturgist: Be radiant in appreciation of God's goodness. Hear the Word of God and declare it to others.

Congregation: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance. Spiritual blessings are abundantly available to us.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 352 - Tied to the reading from Ephesians, "My God, Accept My Heart This Day" is a traditional communion hymn and closes with "In life and death, may I be stirred your purpose to pursue."

Confession of Sin

Infinite God, look upon your finite creatures, broken and bereaved, with compassion and consolation. We view your world with unseeing eyes. We listen to the cries of your hurting people with ears that do not hear and hearts that do not feel their plight. The wind blows among us, but we do not discern your Spirit. You offer wisdom and insight, but we reject your counsel. You present to us the gospel of salvation, but we turn away from its saving grace. O God, help us change the direction of our lives so we may act like your children and reflect your love into the world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Jeremiah 31:7-14

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) - First Choir - Set to Richard Redhead's tune "Redhead," R.G. Huff created new text to welcome the challenges of a new year. Today's Hymn of Praise is First Choir singing "Stepping into This New Year."

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson – Ephesians 1:3-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - NCH 142 - "Let Us Even Now Go to Bethlehem" originated in the Philippines in 1981. It is a celebration of the birth of Jesus by people singing and dancing while going house to house.

Doxology

Gospel Lesson – John 1:1-18

Sermon

Communion

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 274 - While inspired by a portion of today's Gospel, Ruth Duck created "Womb of Life, and Source of Being" and it is also known as "Source, Word and Spirit." It uses the familiar phrase by Charles Wesley: "Born to give us second birth" which confirms the Trinity and a model for the life of community.

Benediction

Postlude