

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing, and bless God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
Proclaim God's glory to the nations,
God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

*HYMN # 376

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (p. 176, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, who will bring it to pass.

The Lord will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord; wait patiently for the Lord.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord, who is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; the Lord will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in the Lord they seek refuge.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38 (p. 64, New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN # 386

AZMON

O for a World

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Time for Turning

C. Courtney and P. Martin

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

SENDING

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

(see insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ORDER OF WORSHIP SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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