

## Worship Outline

### Epiphany 6A

February 16, 2020

## We Gather

Prelude

*Now Winter Fades From Sight*  
Bach

Introit

*Call to Praise*  
Johnson

+Call to Worship (responsive)

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord-  
**the path of justice and mercy**  
**that draws us toward wholeness.**

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord -  
**teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,**  
**and nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord -  
**the Fountainhead of Grace,**  
**the Giver of Life.**

+Prayer

Let us pray...

Spirit of Truth, come and search our hearts. What attention might our souls need? Where there is resentment building, pain unaddressed, or unresolved conflict still weighing

heavy, tend to our needs. Guide us in your wisdom as we seek healing and repair. Help us to support one another in the sacred labors of nurturing love from within. Amen.

+Hymn 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

Unison Prayer of Confession and Assurance

With every choice we make, we show how faithful we are to God's hopes for us. Yet, despite the mistakes we make, the missteps we take, God remains forgiving and gracious. Let us come to our God, speaking honestly about our lives, as we pray, saying,

**God of steadfast love,  
how often do we utter careless words  
that humiliate or harm?  
How often do we lash out in anger,  
when we could reach out with kindness?  
How often do we hurt those we love  
and tear away at relationships that give life?**

**Forgive us we pray.  
In your abundant mercy,  
give us the grace  
to confess our faults,  
to seek forgiveness,  
and to work for reconciliation  
in our homes and communities.  
Turn our hearts back to you  
and teach us the ways of love,  
so that we might hold fast to one another,  
and draw near to your presence.**

*Silence is kept.*

Christ came, so we might be healed by God's tender touch.  
Christ came, so we might be reconciled to one another.

**Thanks be to God! As risky, as hard as it may be,  
we will choose to be God's people. Amen.**

Welcome and the Peace

In the spirit of peace and the hope of unity,  
let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace!  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

+Gathering Song 447  
*Forgiven*

*We Are*

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

## Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Let us pray...

Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*The Mighty Power of God*

Hayes  
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth. Let us listen for the word of God.

1 And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? 4 For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. 9 For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon  
 Kanerva

Rev. Liz Rolf

+Hymn 285

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Prayers of the People  
 Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Prayer Response

*If My People*

Offering

Invitation

There is no end to the possibilities of God among us. If we endeavor to grow in love... If we open ourselves to creativity and imagination... If we dare to dream with hope... God will guide us on paths that heal and transform. With thanks for the Holy work of Love in this place, let us bring our offerings.

Offertory

*Dedication*  
 Franz

+Congregational Response 708 (verse 1)

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

***We give thee but thine own,  
 whate'er the gift may be;***

*all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

+Dedication

Holy Wonder, the gift of your wisdom is balm to our souls. You illuminate the possibilities of radical love within and around us. You turn us from patterns that replicate pain and violence and point us in directions that free and uplift. For the power of Christ that lives in us, enabling the way of integrity, we bring our gifts with thanks. Amen.

## Sending

+Hymn 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

+Blessing and Benediction

+Congregational Benediction 192 refrain

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.*

*Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Postlude

*Postludium*  
Buxtehude

Call to Confession & Assurance, Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies Blog  
Offering Invitation and Dedication, 2020 Enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters  
Unless otherwise noted, all hymns and service music are found in the Glory to God Hymnal.