The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2020 10:00 AM Service Holy Communion

SHINING OUR LIGHT





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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation: Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

If you read music: if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Andante Maestoso Bells of Hope Handbell Choir; Robert Moncrief on Organ

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[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

GATHERING HYMN The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound [Please stand when the chimes sound.]

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street. True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied. True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need, then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
- P There is one Body and one Spirit;

C There is one hope in God's call to us;

- P One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
- **©** One God and Father of all.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

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!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood may I enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

- Let us pray... O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Psalm 40:1-11, Psalm 122, Romans 12:9-18, John 19:23a, 25-27 [*Please be seated.*]

The First Reading

L The First Reading is taken from *Psalm, 40...*

I put all my hope in the Lord. He leaned down to me; he listened to my cry for help. He lifted me out of the pit of death, out of the mud and filth, and set my feet on solid rock. He steadied my legs. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise for our God. Many people will learn of this and be amazed; they will trust the Lord. Those who put their trust in the Lord, who pay no attention to the proud or to those who follow lies, are truly happy!

You, Lord my God! You've done so many things—your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—no one can compare with you! If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them, they would be too numerous to count! You don't relish sacrifices or offerings; you don't require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings—but you have given me ears!

So I said, "Here I come! I'm inscribed in the written scroll. I want to do your will, my God. Your Instruction is deep within me." I've told the good news of your righteousness in the great assembly. I didn't hold anything back—as you well know, Lord! I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself. I declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I didn't hide your loyal love and trustworthiness from the great assembly. So now you, Lord—don't hold back any of your compassion from me. Let your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me,

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

[Tune: All people That on Earth Do Dwell] Jerusalem: with what great joy I heard them say, "Let us go there!" And now at last we take our stand Within your gates to offer prayer.

Jerusalem: a city built To be a place of unity; The tribes go up, the tribes of God, To praise God's Name eternally.

Jerusalem: within your walls The thrones of justice serve God's will; The ancient tribes of David's house Stand and unite God's people still.

Jerusalem: pray for its peace: "May all who love you find success; Peace be to all within your walls, And in your towers be righteousness.

Jerusalem: for comrades' sake My prayers for you will never cease; Because God's house is standing there, I pray forever for your peace."

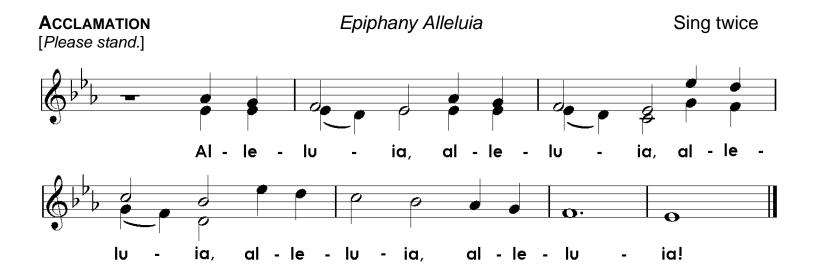
The Second Reading

L The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 12...

Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

D The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and his sandals, and divided them into four shares, one for each soldier. His shirt was seamless, woven as one piece from the top to the bottom. Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

D The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon [Please be seated.] Becky Robbins-Penniman

SERMON HYMN [*Please stand.*]

> Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions; All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to hear and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL RITE

- ▶ The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
- I present Kurt Gunther Heitmann to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- We present Penelope Gianna Statile to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- P Kurt, do you desire to be baptized?
- 🕅 l do.
- I ask Penelope Gianna's parents and sponsors: Will you by your prayers and witness help these who are to be baptized to grow into the full stature of Christ?
- I will, with God's help.

- I ask the candidate, the sponsors, and this community of faith: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
- I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
- G I renounce them.
- ▶ Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
- I renounce them.
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

CI do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

🖸 l do.

▶ Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

🕒 l do.

- Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these candidates in their life in Christ:
- **G** We will.
- Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
- Do you believe in God the Father?
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- ▶ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- ℙ Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- **G** I will, with God's help.
- Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- **G** I will, with God's help.
- ℙ Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- **G** I will, with God's help.
- ℙ Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- **G** I will, with God's help.
- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- **G** I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

- D Let us now pray for those who are about to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the baptism of Penelope Gianna Statile, and for the flowers gracing our worship today by Joe, Kaitlyn, Luciana & Penelope in loving memory of Cathy Staile Jursik, and also in memory of Rochelle Pylman, wife and sister-in-law, given by Ron Pylman and Donna Pylman and by Lynne Henderson in memory of your Mom's birthday. Give us grateful hearts, today and always.
- G Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Deliver Penelope and all your people, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- **G** Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Open all hearts to your grace and truth.
- G Lord, hear our prayer.
- **L** Fill Penelope and all your people with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- G Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Keep Penelope and all your people in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- G Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Teach Penelope and all of us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- **G** Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Send Penelope and all of us into the world in witness to your love.
- G Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Bring Penelope and all your people to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- G Lord, hear our prayer.

- Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.
- G Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
- We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
- G Amen.

THE BAPTISM

- Kurt Gunther, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.
- Penelope Gianna, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.
- Let us pray... Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.
- C Amen.

- Kurt Gunther, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
- G Amen.
- Penelope Gianna, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
- G Amen.

A lighted candle is presented.

- Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- P Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

COMMISSIONING OF CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- P We meet in Christ's name.
- G Let us share his peace. [All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

DEDICATION OF THE G3 HANDBELL IN HONOR OF EDDIE LOVE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Bring your offerings with a cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

Shout to the Lord Bells of Hope Handbell Choir

P. Cota

[Please be seated. If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

D We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN As You, Lord, Have Lived for Others

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

ℙ The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

- Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- ▶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. In the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

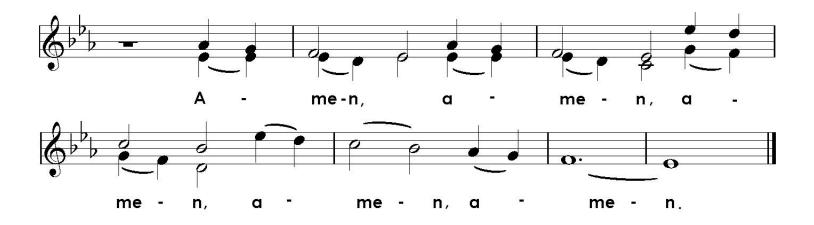
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the Highest.

[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

- Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
- We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:
- Dying, you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

- Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.
- Blessed are you now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P Bread and Wine: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
- **•** May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.
- The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT [Please repeat this chant until the pmusician stops playing the tune.]

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ℙ Let us pray…
- Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and shine with the love of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- Beloved, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. As you leave this place, the blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

D Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

R. Lind

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant Deacon Priest Associate	Becky Robbins-Penniman Cindy Roehl Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Handbell Choir Director	Pat Cates
Acolyte/Crucifer	Vic Howarth
-	Jack Bond
Chalicists	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
	Debra Mackay
Lectors	Ryan Stollenmaier
	Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Lynne Henderson
Prayer Team	Cheryl Sharpe
-	Rhiannon Sharpe
Greeters	Caroline & Steve Maisel
Ushers	Gloria & Dan Smith
Welcome Center	Joe & Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bodacious Breakfast
Buildings & Grounds	Bob Roehl