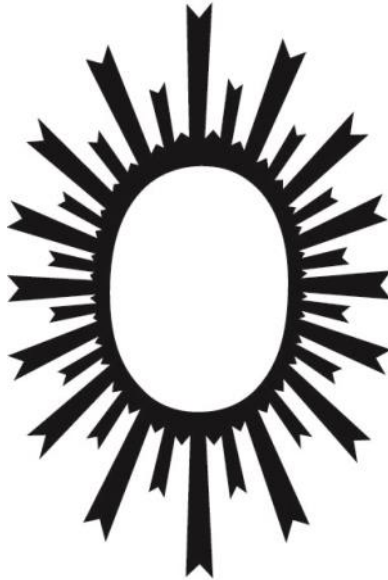


The Service for the Lord's Day



fpcro

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

We warmly welcome all who are worshipping with us today. Children are always welcome in worship! For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers.

Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service. For directions to classrooms, please ask an usher or see the sign in the lobby.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Andante Sostenuto”

Charles Marie Widor
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: God of glory, God of joy, God of ordinary wonders,

All: come and usher us toward life.

One: Keep us from losing touch with the miracles all around us:

All: The way love persists. The way the earth holds us.

One: The way it's never too late for new beginnings.

All: Meet us in worship and show us the way.

***HYMN: #669**

“Jesus, Come, for We Invite You”

Text: Christopher Idle (1938-) ©1982 Jubilate Hymns (admin. Hope Publishing Co.); Music: Sicilian melody, 18th c.

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Confession invites us into honesty about our own brokenness and the brokenness of the world we live in. Confession also invites us to rest in God's promise of grace and forgiveness. And so we say with hope, Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of abundance, we have forgotten about your goodness. We focus on what is required of disciples and what we must do—both important things. But then we often neglect the pleasure and joy that is also part of your good creation. Like the guests at the wedding, invite us to celebrate our life with you more often. Show us, once more, how to delight in the world around us and in the people you place into our lives.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ's name, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's steadfast love extends beyond the heavens and is deeper than the far reaches of the oceans. God's abundant love overflows. Friends, I announce to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(10:30 am)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

All: Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the message of your scripture and trust the signs that reveal your presence. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 36”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Duke Street*, #341 “Jesus Shall Reign”

***“Thy gifts, O Lord, surpass the heav’ns, Thy faithfulness, the clouds above;
How matchless is Thy righteousness, how dear is Thy redeeming love.
Beneath the shadow of Thy wings, Thy people banquet at Thy board;
They drink the cup of pure delights and taste the pleasure of the Lord.”***

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible, NT pg. 95

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30 am)

ANTHEM

“O Love”

Blaine Hagenberg

~Chancel Choir

“O love that will not let me go, O love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O joy, that seeks me through the pain, O joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.”

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SERMON

“Two Truths and No Lies”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord, Who at Cana’s Wedding Feast”

Wilbur Held

~Audrey Frieberg

“Lord, who at Cana’s wedding feast didst as a guest appear, thou, dearer far than earthly guest, vouchsafe thy presence here; for holy thou indeed dost prove the marriage vow to be, proclaiming it a type of love between the church and thee. On those who art thy altar kneel, O Lord, thy blessings pour, that each may wake the other’s zeal to love thee more and more; O grant them here in peace to live, in purity and love, and this world leaving, to receive a crown of life above.”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***LITANY**—from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (1993)

**Christ Jesus, Child of Mary, God with us,
King and Suffering Servant, High Priest and Lamb of God,
Teacher and Word, living, suffering, dying and rising again,
you challenge, redeem and restore us.**

**Holy Spirit, Breath of life,
Counsellor and Comforter, Fire of God,
you inspire, sustain, and purify us.
Forming us in the nature of Christ,
transforming us with your gifts,
you bind us together in one body, your church.
God of all creation,
made known to us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit,
your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.**

**A mother who will not abandon her child,
a father who welcomes the prodigal home,
you forgive, accept and embrace us
and call us into loving communion forever.**

**In life and death we belong to you,
everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN: #247**

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

“Fanfare”

C.S. Lang

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

- 1 *Liturgy that Matters*, January 16, 2022, by M. Barclay, enfolded: spiritual nourishment for collective liberation, 2021.
- 2 *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C, Vol 1*, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, “Second Sunday after the Epiphany,” (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2012), 51.

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Bob Lengjel
in loving memory of Carol Lengjel.

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at FPCRO

Next Sunday, **January 23**, join us for worship at **9 am or 11 am** in the sanctuary at FPCRO for a service led by S.T.A.G.E. youth from the four partner congregations. The students have written all the liturgy, will offer the music, and deliver the sermon. We're looking forward to an opportunity to welcome all the churches together in worship. The services at 9 am and 11 am will be identical, **and the 11 am service will be livestreamed**. When you come for worship, be ready to order your Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches as part of STAGE's fundraiser. See the additional below for more info on Subs!

Sub Sandwiches Fundraiser: Buy a Sub for the Big Game!

S.T.A.G.E. youth will be making delicious, fresh sub sandwiches for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13. The cost is \$9 for a 6-inch sub. Add a bag of chips for just \$1 to your order. Italian (ham & salami) or Turkey subs are available. Or, order a Three-Meat sub for a small additional charge. **Pre-orders will be accepted January 23 through February 2**. To order in person, attend S.T.A.G.E. Youth Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak on Sunday, January 23. Orders will be taken by the youth between the 9 am and 11 am services. (Payments that day can be made via cash, check, PayPal & Venmo). Online orders will also be available starting January 23. **All subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 13, from 11 am-1 pm at FPCRO**. Funds from the Super Bowl Sub Sale will help support S.T.A.G.E. summer mission trips. Thank you for your support!

Children's Library & Play Space

A team is forming to dream about and install a Children's Library and Play Space inside the church, which will be open to the wider Royal Oak community. The mission grant is making this ministry possible! The team will have a kick-off meeting on **Zoom on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 pm**. Anyone with interest is welcome to join. Login details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83024390050>

Meeting ID: 830 2439 0050

Passcode: 519786

Souper Bowl of Caring

On **Sunday, February 13** we are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. You are invited to bring a non-perishable item for our Little Free Pantry. Cans with pull-tabs are very useful. Fruit cups and cereal bars are also great to include. (Please, no glass containers.)