

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

“Meditation on Amazing Grace” American Melody/arr. Frederick Swann

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40

When I waited patiently for you, O God, you bent down to me and heard my cry.

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

You have called us before we were born, O God, and named us in our mother’s womb. You have made our mouths like sharp swords and hid us in the shadow of your hand. You have made us polished arrows and kept us safe in your quiver. In Christ you have called us to be your servants, to be a light to the nations, and to herald your goodness to all. Now our heads are lifted up and we will offer you our sacrifices with shouts of joy. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” GTG # 667

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts. But when misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and iniquities overtake us, our sight fails. When we are tempted by the vain promises of a life full of ease, our courage forsakes us and we submit to their charm. When enemies overpower us and mock our faith, we shrink back in disgrace and abandon what Christ taught. O God, we are poor and in need. You are our help and salvation. Come to our aid, and make no delay. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “I Come With Joy” (vs-1) GTG # 515

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.**

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 40:1-11 pg. 513

ANTHEM: “Lamb of God” Twila Paris/arr. Lloyd Larson

Your only Son, no side to hide, but you have sent him from your side

To walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,

The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(refrain) O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (refrain)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Laura Sparks

SECOND LESSON: John 1:29-42 pg. 92

SERMON: “Behold, The Lamb of God” Rev. David Roquemore

*HYMN: “You are My Strength When I am Weak” GTG #519
 (“You Are My All in All”)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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,

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Flute Solo *from* Sonata in A” Thomas Ame

*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” GTG # 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As the Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world, we remember that we are baptized as a sign of new life. Accept these gifts, O God, which we offer as we recommit ourselves to ministry in Christ’s name. May your Spirit empower us for the tasks that await, and the waters refresh us as we go forth to serve. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN: “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” GTG # 163

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE:
“Festival Toccata on ST. ANNE” William Croft/arr. Frederick Swann

(*Please stand in body or spirit)

Lay Leader for this morning is Karen McDougal.

Elder on Call this week is Randy Williams.

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1. You are in God’s House. We want you to feel God’s presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won’t you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children’s Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children’s Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

THE PEACE CANDLE: The smaller, glass candle on the Communion table is a *peace candle*, and here is the candle’s story and meaning.

In 1986, a group of Americans attended a Russian Orthodox worship service. At the close of the service, an elderly woman pressed a three-ruble note into the hand of a Presbyterian pastor (only about \$5 in American dollars, but a significant gift for this elderly woman). The woman asked him to buy a *candle* with it, and light that candle in his church as a symbol for *peace*. That Presbyterian pastor purchased a *candle* with the money, placed it on the Communion table in his sanctuary, and lit it during each worship service. Then the church bought other candles, in glass containers, and sent them to other churches with the request that they be lit during their worship services, as a symbol of our common hope for *peace*.

These *peace candles* have since spread across our world and across denominations. Our congregation received our *peace candle* on Sunday, November 16th, 2014. And, we have shared a *candle* with our sister church of El Redentor in Guatemala. Together with sisters and brothers in Guatemala and around the world, we light our candles every time we worship to remind us to pray for peace in our lives, in our communities, and in our world.

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