

FEBRUARY 16, 2020
+ SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY +

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Music from the Sacred Harp
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

The Word of God Is Alive (528, verses 1 and 5)
Chancel Choir, Dominic German, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One

who leads us in the ways of life.

* OPENING HYMN 416

Great Hills May Tremble

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

based on Deuteronomy 30 and 1 Corinthians 3

Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways, observe your commandments, and love you as you have loved us. You offer us a community of abundant blessing, with rich soil to promote dynamic growth. Yet we often turn away from you to satisfy our own wants and desires. We forsake the way of love and forgiveness, giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling, and surrendering our lofty ideals to our baser inclinations. Forgive us, O God. When we flee from your embrace, draw us into community with you and with one another. Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility, that we may reclaim our purpose and find nourishment and growth in labors of love to bring your kingdom in our midst. Amen.

God is alive and at work nurturing our growth, nourishing our needs, and reconciling us to one another. God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God's ways. It is through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christy Bouris, Reader

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 163)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (p. 927)

Matthew 5:21-37 (p. 786)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG (Turn next page)

How He Loves
John Mark McMillan and David Crowder

SERMON

Libby Piotrowski and Jeff Hunter

CHORAL ANTHEM

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Dale Wood

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Using *sins*)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Song of Response (Turn next two pages)

School of Restorative Arts
Way Maker
Osinachi Okoro
Led by Christy Bouris, Dominic German,
Kirsten Hunter, Anders Johnson, and Brian Ward

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please pass the red booklet down the row and sign in to let us know of your presence with us.

Offertory

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
arr. Brian Glyncannon

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN 715

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice
arr. David Paxton

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Following worship, we offer prayer for anyone who so desires.

*If you have been moved in some way during the service or are carrying a heavy burden,
we invite you to come to the prayer room in the north chapel of the sanctuary.*

You will be met there by caring individuals who will pray specifically for you and your need.

In addition, there is a prayer box in the narthex for prayers you wish to keep private.

Anything put in that box will be read and prayed for only by our co-pastors.

*Also following the service today there will be a retiring offering to support the purchase of
musical instrument to give to the Church without Walls inside Stateville Correctional Center.*