

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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OPEN HANDS
OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS



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THE SECOND SUNDAY
of EPIPHANY



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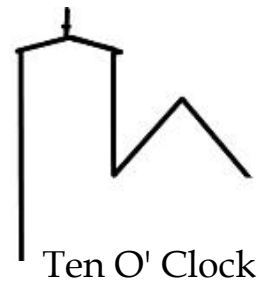


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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1420 West Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606

2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

14 January 2024



CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Sursum Corda

Tom Trenny

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Psalm-Prelude on Psalm 139 v.11

Herbert Howells

"Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day;
The darkness and light to Thee are both alike."

WELCOME

Rev. Tim Mitchell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is calling. Do you hear?

You are being called by name for a purpose.

All: **God, you have searched us and know us.**

You discern our thoughts from far away.

One: Do not confuse the siren calls of the world for God's call.

Do not confuse the values of this world with God's values.

All: **You know, O God, when we sit and when we stand.**

You know when we lie down and where we go.

One: Your words and your deeds are known to God.

You were known to God before you were born.

All: **Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.**

Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 248

You are Before Me, Lord

Sursum Corda



THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

*v.1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, Save that thou art
Thou my best thought, By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*v.2: Be thou my wisdom, And thou my true
word;
I ever with thee And thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter And thou my high tower
Raise thou me heavenward O power of my power*

*v.3: Riches I heed not, Nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always:
Thou and thou only, First in my heart,
High King of heaven, My treasure thou art*

*v.4: High King of heaven, My victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
sun!
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy...

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.



*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

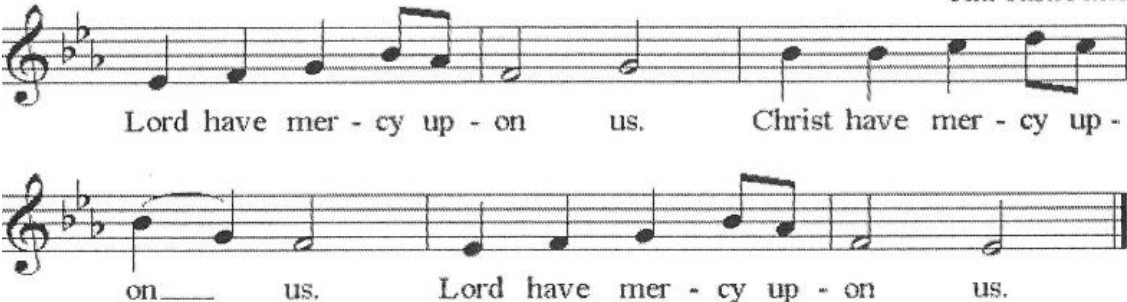
O God, our lives are an open book to you. Please help us to recognize in ourselves what you see there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sins. Awaken in us a sorrow over what we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess. Amen.

*TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

One: Please take a moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

KYRIE

Tom Clark-Jones



Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA

(HYMN 68, v.4)

Puer Nobis Nascitur

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.**



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 139

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12, 18-20

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God calls the Ordinary"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

A New Creed (1968) - The United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God; who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

