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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 16th, 2022

***Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

THE LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.

CALL to WORSHIP

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

PRELUDE – "Ode to Joy"

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(Ludwig van Beethoven)

~Joanne Diplock

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.

Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,

that we may believe with our minds

and trust in our hearts

that you alone are Lord of all creation.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Sheron Miller*

Hebrew Scripture: **Isaiah 62: 1-5**

*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.*

Responsive Reading: **Psalms 36: 5-10**

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

*For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel:

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Response:

The Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

"A Wedding in Cana"

~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE – "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"

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(J.S. Bach)

~Joanne Diplock

PRAYERS

*...Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

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 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,
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE – *"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"*

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(arr. Martha Mier)

~Joanne Diplock