

January 15, 2017
Second Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude: Trumpets in Dialogue Nicholas Clerambault
Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #372 *O for a World*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Call to Worship

One: Have you understood God's thoughts towards us?
Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

All: We are here to receive God's message. Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.

One: Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;
God is calling us as servants and as saints.

All: Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way. We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.

One: Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being. Neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

All: We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks. We are ready to be led into new responsibility.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God, we wait for you to hear our cries. We come from desperate situations and many moments of despair. Then, when you call us together, we are challenged to be and to do more than we have already faced. We have spent our strength. How can we do more? Will you renew us here? We feel that we have labored in vain. Will you help us make sense out of our failures? Come with your saving help. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We come back to you, O Holy One, to renew our commitment. We confess that pride has led us to embrace false gods. We spend more time with our hobbies than with your cause. We pay more attention to our toys than to your truth. Your law is no longer in our hearts. We have neglected the spiritual gifts entrusted to us. We have forgotten that we have been named and baptized and commissioned for service. O God, bring us back to yourself. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

***Gloria Patri:** *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.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 40:1-11

(Page 631 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 49:1-7

(Page 830 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)

(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

***Hymn:** #373 *O Day of Peace*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *I Am the Light of the World* Jim Strathdee

***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

New Testament Reading – John 1:29-42

(Page 112 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Listening to the Prophets"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Prayer Response: *Steal Away*

***Hymn:** #339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Postlude: Toccata in E Minor Johann Pachelbel

(*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of our Deacons.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our host today is Christiane Olson.

Please see an usher:

If you would like to use a hearing device;

If you would like to bring your child to the Nursery

Many thanks to:

Bob Maxwell for serving as lay reader

Bob Weber & Pat Palmer for ushering

Prayer List

Alice Gustafson, Leonard Kaufman, Laura Flores, Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, The Sosnoff Family, Wilma Tillerman, Emily, Will, Al.

Family & Friends of: Jeri & Trish Johnson; Kit Kellogg, Ann Cuddy, Marianne Fair and Jordan Doyle

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:30 am Church Council Meeting 3 pm Sinfonietta Concert
Wednesday	7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal

OPPORTUNITIES

PHOTOS AFTER WORSHIP

Kristine Jennings is taking photos for our new directory after worship this morning and for the month of January. Kristine will be in the Parish Hall near the library. If you have not already done so, please make the time to see her, so you can be included in the new directory!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall Library at 4:30 pm. The group is studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to attend.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville is very low on donations and our bins at church are empty. Nonperishable food items are needed! Please bring your donations to worship with you on Sunday.

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