

January 8, 2017
First Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude: Noel sur Les Grand Jeux Louis D'Aquin
Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #2 *Come Thou Almighty King*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Call to Worship

One: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us: I am your God: I have called you in righteousness.

All: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us. By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.

One: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

All: Eyes are open and prisoners are freed. Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.

One: Worship with joy and give glory to God's name. Listen for the new thing God declares.

All: We remember that we have been baptized. May we live as those with whom God is pleased.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than dimly burning wicks, that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world. Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the world. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keeps others from seeing you. All-inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus. 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 29

(Page 621 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 42:1-9

(Page 820 HS in the pew bible)

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

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

***Hymn:** #479 *Ho, All Who Thirst*

Congregation sings Refrain each time.

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *In the Bleak Midwinter* Rosetti & Holst

***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 – Matthew 3:13-17

(Page 3 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Reading Memoirs"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

***Hymn:** #462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Amen*

Postlude: Noel sur Les Grand Jeux Louis D'Aquin

(*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:

Karin Noyes for serving as lay reader

Bob Weber & Pat Palmer for ushering

Prayer List

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

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH
2016 - 2017**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today	11:30 am Trustees Meeting
	11:30 am Christian Action Meeting
Tuesday	5:30 pm Faith Discussions Group
Wednesday	7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30 am – 4 pm Silver Lake Retreat
	4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
	7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Saturday	9 am – 12 pm Sinfonietta Rehearsal
Sunday	11:30 am Church Council Meeting
	3 pm Sinfonietta Concert

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 needed! Please bring your donations to worship with you on Sunday.

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