

February 7, 2015
Last Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude: Prelude in F Major J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #182 *We Have Come at Christ's Bidding*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Create In Me A Clean Heart O God*

Call to Worship

One: We come together, a community of faith
We have gathered to talk and listen to God.

All: May our faces shine in anticipation.
God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

One: We share in a new covenant of promise and hope. Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

All: We come with boldness to encounter our Creator. We assemble here, eager to be changed by God.

One: Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God. Our failures become opportunities for learning.

All: Let us praise God's holy name in chorus.
Let us share in the glory of life.

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy are you, O God of all time and space. Before the vastness of your creation, the earth is as nothing. Yet you have lavished your energies upon it, shaping interdependent systems within systems. The mysterious gift of life is ours to handle with care. You have revealed yourself to us. You have created us for justice and equity. You have drawn us to the mountaintop to commune with you. O God, we are here, waiting for your further

revelation. Come to enlighten and empower.
Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We tremble before you, O God, for we have sinned. You already know what we have done and what we have failed to do. Hear us now as we recognize and admit our actions and inaction in violation of the trust you have placed in us. Enter into our excuses and our pretensions, Holy One, that we may be saved for ministry and mission. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your 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 99

(Page 678 OT in the pew bible)

Hebrew Scripture Reading – Exodus 34:29-35

(Page 101 OT in the pew bible)

***Hymn:** #169 *My Song Is Love Unknown* (v.1,2,3)

Sacrament of Communion

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table, renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we pray.

***Hymn** #169 *My Song Is Love Unknown* (v. 4,5)
(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)

Offering of our Gifts

Anthem: *Taste and See* Douglas Nolan

***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

Gospel Reading – Luke 9:28-36

(Page 85 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Embracing the Light"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Cast Me Not Away*

***Hymn:** #251 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Benediction

Choral Response: *Restore Unto Me the Joy*

Postlude: Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

(* Please stand if able.)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

Our hosts today are the Sunday School Children.

Our ushers today are Sharon Tingley.

Our Lay Reader today is Sarah Zarbock.

The flowers in the font are given in celebration of the life of Graham Davidson by his family.

The flowers on the piano are in loving memory of Doug Patton, given by his family.

Prayer List

Alan Weinberg, Sarah and Pete Courtright, David Bernier, Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, family and friends of Martha Johnson, Mary Wadsworth, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Sue Bucceri, Jim Aitchison, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Dick Dwelley and Louise "Weezie" Hannegan, Lee Cornwall.

Calendar For the Week

Today	11:15 am Christian Action Committee 11:30 am Board of Trustees 2:00 pm Worship at Noble Horizons
Monday	4 pm Salisbury Forum
Tuesday	5:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday 10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall 6 pm Deacon's Dinner 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:30 am "Silent" Retreat 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm HousaTonics
Friday	8 am Men's Bible Study
Saturday	12 pm EXTRAS in the Parish Hall
Sunday	1 pm Tae Kwon Do Demonstration in the Parish Hall

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW HYMNAL INPUT NEEDED

The Music Committee is looking into updating our Pilgrim Hymnal, which was first published in 1931 and subsequently renewed in 1935, 1958 and 1962. With your input they would make a recommendation to the Church Council. Please stop by the second floor Conference Room whenever the church is open. You are invited to sample hymnals and complete a short survey to leave in the box. Signing the survey is optional.

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