

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome Rev. Holly Hatton

Prelude *His Eye on the Sparrow* Charles Gabriel
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship Marde Champion

Leader: Come to the water, all you who thirst.

All: Come drink deeply from the river of life.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who are weary.

All: Come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who long for things to be made right.

All: Come, be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

Leader: For God is here among us, pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.

All: Let us worship God together.

Invocation Marde Champion

* Hymn of Praise 518 HANSON PLACE
Shall We Gather at the River

Baptism Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Leader: Following his resurrection, Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In obedience to Christ and in joyful thanks for God's redeeming love, we gather to baptize Stephen McHugh who has professed faith in Jesus Christ and Spirit has led to these waters. As he comes to these waters, we make promises to him.

All: We promise to pray for you, to encourage and support you, for together we are disciples of Jesus Christ and members of his body.

Leader: Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, and still disciples are called to follow Jesus Christ through the waters to be buried and raised in union with him. Here is the grace of God: disciples of Jesus are immersed into all that God has done in Christ and all that God promises to do through Spirit.

All: Let us walk together before the Lord, in ways that are known and yet to be made known, gathering for worship, seeking the mind of Christ, praying for God's kingdom, and sharing in its life and witness.

Leader: By the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, patterned after the likeness of our Lord Jesus and anointed for his service.

All: We are sisters and brothers together; praise be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Old Testament Reading Marde Champion

Isaiah 55:1-13

(page 639 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Holly Hatton

Offertory *God Leads Us Along* arr. Patti Drennan
The Sanctuary Choir

Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

John 7:37-52

(pages 926-927 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Rivers of Living Water

Musical Meditation Mozart

Concerto No. 23, Adagio
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Carol McCall Richardson

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

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI

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*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, Amen.*

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 58 WYE VALLEY

Like a River Glorious

The Welcoming of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

* Commission and Blessing Marde Champion

Leader: God of the waters,

All: Live in us.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Postlude *I Love To Tell The Story* E. L. Ashford

Aaron Foster, *organist*