



Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
February 12, 2023



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GATHERING TOGETHER

As we prepare for worship together, in person or virtually, you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking or singing aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. *The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Seed Scattered and Sown
Anne Roberts
Bayoubuchlein
Selah Publishing Co., 2016

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Patti Snyder

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 6th Graders

Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

*HYMN No. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rick Bowles

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Planted like seeds in the same field, together we are nourished and nurtured by the Son. We are blessed by the Spirit who leads us into who we are called to be and become. Yet we take it upon ourselves to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in the field. We label others as all good or all bad, when we are reluctant to acknowledge that we are a mixture of weeds and wheat. Forgive us.

Let us each take a moment with God in silent confession.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

We continue our prayer together saying...

You know us through and through. Forgive in us what needs forgiving whether we know it or not and call us to see and nourish the good in ourselves, in others, and in others, and in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!

This mysterious gift is from God to whom we have been reconciled by Christ.

Rejoice then, for we are known, loved, and forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn No. 850 *vs. 1*

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

In a deep, unbounded darkness,

long before the first light shone,

you, O God, beyond all merit

worked a wonder faith makes known:

in your mercy, in your mercy,

you embraced us as your own,

ever more and ever more.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Margaret Bach

Open our minds and hearts to the truth of your Word and to the ways it might be lived in us. For we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

SERMON

Patti Snyder

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 22

God of the Sparrow

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

God Fashioned Love

*Carol Mueling; text by Linda Muehlig
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*God fashioned love and gave it as a gift
For each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might sift
As wheat from chaff to make an increase of the best,
That time and wind might have the rest.
God fashioned love and gave from heaven's store
For each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might pour
As wine from water by a miracle can pass,
That every hand might take the glass.
God fashioned love and gave it mankind's cast
For each to share and give again,
That through all generations love might last
As Christ is born in every child God gives,
So love, though yet all die, shall live.*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

We offer our thanks, O God, for the rich heritage of faith we have received and for your Spirit, ever with us. We dedicate them and all of who we are to sharing good news, making known the possibilities for life found in you. May all who call upon your name grow in righteousness, that we might together experience the reality of your realm. Amen.

*HYMN No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with God.

Alleluia and Amen.

POSTLUDE

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

Keith Kolander

Augsburg Fortress, 2005



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CHURCH NURSERY

The church nursery is open during the worship service
for infants and children through kindergarten.

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