



6th Sunday after Epiphany  
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GATHERING TOGETHER

*Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.*

*Please speak aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. The asterisk \* is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*  
*Deitrich Buxtehude*  
*Public Domain*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS  
Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT *Transfiguration*  
*David Gambrell*

*We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.  
Pillar of fire to light the way, leading us onward, still today  
Light to the nations, never cease. Lead us to justice, joy, and peace.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Pre-K - 5th Graders  
Lighting the Candle  
Word for Worship

\*HYMN No. 156 vs. 1, 2, and 4 **Sing of God Made Manifest**

CALL TO CONFESSION Lori Tucker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Dazzling God,  
You invite us to a new way of life  
following you through all the ups and downs.  
We confess that we don't like to think of the hard parts.  
We prefer to turn away when we see suffering coming  
toward us or those we love.**

**We have even tried to protect you,  
stepping in front and trying to change your way  
to fit our own comfort and idea of success.  
Forgive us when we impose our limited understanding on you.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Guide us to take our proper place  
following you, rather than trying to lead you.  
May we orient ourselves so that your light shines out through us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Our errors are not held against us,  
and our faults do not define us.  
God's grace offers us a way forward,  
shining a bright light for us to follow.  
With joy let us proclaim:  
**We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 137 vs. 3*

**He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 8:27-9:8

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 189

***O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair***

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
 Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
 For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## 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

Hymn of Fire

*Music by Eugene Butler  
 Richmond Press, 1977*

*Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with Thy fire;  
 While the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire.  
 Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame.  
 Baptize with Thy fiery spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame!*

*Thou who in Thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live,  
 Grant us grace to be Thy servants, our tranquility forgive.  
 Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.  
 Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life.*

*Thous who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace.  
 By Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release!  
 Save from satisfaction when we are free,  
 yet are undisturbed in spirit by another's misery!  
 Crown our lives with tongues of flame!*

\*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

**Generous and loving God,  
through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our time, our talents, and our treasure.  
Use us - what we have gathered, and what we have promised -  
to help those around us who are in need of it.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 192 vs. 1 and 3 ***Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining***

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...  
**Everywhere.**

POSTLUDE

*Deo Gracias*  
*arr. E. Power Biggs*  
*Treasury of Early Organ Music*  
*Mercury music Corporation, 1948*



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