

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany      January 19th, 2020      11:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

\*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

**PRELUDE**      “Come As You Are”      Crowder, Maher, Glover

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**      Beautiful Things      Michael Gungor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of the prophets, call to us today

**Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

**Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

**Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways.

**We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

**\*HYMN #361**      “How Firm a Foundation”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      (In Unison)

**God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we have silenced our prophets. We have covered our ears by those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. We avoid the looks of the poor because they embarrass us. Forgive us, Lord, for not learning from the mistakes of our ancestors, who ignored and killed their prophets. Forgive us when we follow their steps instead of following Your ways. In the name of Christ, who forgives us, we pray. Amen**

(A time for silent and personal prayer...)

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579**      Gloria Patri

**ANTHEM**      “If You but Trust in God to Guide You”      David Cherwien

**A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS . . .**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM READING**      Psalm 5:1-12      O.T. Pg.490

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:**      Proverbs 4:10-27      O.T. Pg. 587

**SERMON**      “Proverbs, Don’t be that Guy: The Debbie Downer” Pastor Lindsey Carnes

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #379**      “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

**\*A COVENANT PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT TO JUSTICE**

**Reader 1:** O God, who has created your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From our earliest days as the people whom you intend to be free, O God, you have called us forth from self-seeking bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint, to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

**People: You are our freeing God, and we would be your free and freeing people.**

**Reader 2:** O God of Exodus and the Burning Bush, of the Prophets and of Jesus, we hear your powerful calling to be your servants in the service of all those who are oppressed. At every turn we hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God.

**People: You are our servant God, and we would be your serving people.**

**Reader 3:** O God, Our Sustainer, search our hearts and reveal to us our sinfulness, all the ways that we contribute to injustice and to self-destroying bondage. Give us deep courage to find the true path of your way, ready to give our very selves as living sacrifices for your will. We have heard your calling. Hear us now as we make our pledge.

**People: You are our God and we are your people. We pledge ourselves now to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples. To your will for justice we recommit ourselves and pledge ourselves, our funds, our actions. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**OFFERING** *Prayer Request Cards can be placed in the collection plate at this time*

**OFFERTORY**            “Awake and Alive”            Brian Howes and John L. Benson

**\*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 THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
LORD’S PRAYER**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN#210**            “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today:**

**Acolytes:** Matthew Maxwell & Emily Hollopeter

**Ushers:** Team #4

**Sound Tech:** Jay Kirkey

**Banker:** Jenn Wenzel

**Coffee Hour:** Violet Team

**Counters:** Jon O’Connell & Jennifer MacLean

**Gospel Project:** PreK-K: Heidi Heidi Howieson & Madeline Davis  
1st-5th: Sherry Rourke & Janet Stork

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