



# First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Traditional Gaelic Melody  
*Morning Has Broken*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Anthony Martinez

Leader: Gather from East and West, from North and South.  
God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

PEOPLE: **THE VOICE OF GOD THUNDERS THROUGH OUR MIDST.  
THE VOICE OF GOD IS POWERFUL AND FULL OF MAJESTY.**

Leader: Bow in awe before the one who created you.  
God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

PEOPLE: **THE VOICE OF GOD COMMANDS OUR ATTENTION.  
THE VOICE OF GOD IS LIKE FIRE AND TORNADO.**

Leader: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.  
God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

UNISON: **ASCRIBE TO GOD'S GLORY AND STRENGTH.  
WORSHIP GOD IN AWE, WONDER, AND JOY!**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Tommy Mills

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 357  
*We Call Ourselves Disciples*

### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as Your own people; precious, gifted, created to glorify You in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send Your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for Your church in every place. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35  
*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 585).....Isaiah 43:1-7

ANTHEM.....Naida Hearn  
*Jesus Name Above All Names*

SECOND READING (pg. 834).....Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MESSAGE.....Rev. Mark E. Poindexter

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Irish Melody  
*Be Thou My Vision*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For bringing us safely to this hour, we give You thanks, O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor You. May our lives reflect Your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

### COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 97  
*Fairest Lord Jesus*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Steve Gray

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Leo Gibbs

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Twila Paris  
*How Beautiful*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 75**

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Charles Converse**

*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Mary Cornwell, Allen Wallace, Megan Baines, Charles Kelly



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence  
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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