



# The Last Sunday After Epiphany

March 2, 2014

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE .....arr. Ray  
*May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP .....Michael Stevenson, Jr.

Leader: The coming of a new day calls us to anticipate God's dawn.  
The day of God's dawning is like a morning star rising.

People: **THE LIGHT OF GOD IS LIKE A DEVOURING FIRE.  
GOD'S BRIGHTNESS IS TOO INTENSE FOR OUR GAZE.**

Leader: Come to the mountain of God's presence.  
Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

People : **WE ARE EYEWITNESSES TO GOD'S MAJESTY.  
WE HAVE SENSED GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE STORIES OF JESUS.**

Leader: Look up, and do not be afraid  
Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before us.

UNISON: **WE WILL SERVE OUR GOD WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING.  
HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE REFUGE IS IN GOD.**

\*WORSHIP HYMN .....CH. 91 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST .....Evelyn Bley

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God of mountain and plain, today we claim the promise of Christ that where two or three are gathered in that holy name, Christ is present. With Christ among us, we know the power of Your love for us. We see Your glory in the faces of our brothers and sisters; and we believe we can do all things through love's strength at work in us. Renew us in this hour, Lord, by the transforming love of the One who came that we might have life. In the name of the One whose glory blazes before us, Christ our Lord, we pray this day, 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 and 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 .....CH. 35  
*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 62).....Exodus 24:12-18

ANTHEM.....arr. Troeger  
*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

SECOND READING (pg. 798).....Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill  
*The Hand on the Mountain*

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY .....arr. Bober  
*Be Thou My Vision*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Transfigure and change us, O God. Shape us to be Your tabernacles: living, glowing testaments to Your grace alive in the world. Use this offering, we pray, as a blessed step in Your transforming process. In Jesus' name, Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY .....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN .....CH. 265 (vs. 1, 3, 4)  
*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*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.*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD .....David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP .....Ben Cowgill

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Kahl  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 586

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

*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**

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

‡ *Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth remain in church*

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Bubba Jenson, Sharon Jenson, Carey Ward, William Brown



*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.  
See you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

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



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