



Last Sunday after Epiphany Sunday

February 15, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

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

Leader: God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

PEOPLE: OUT OF ZION, THE PERFECTION OF BEAUTY, GOD SHINES FORTH.

Leader: God does not keep silent.

PEOPLE: GOD CALLS TO THE HEAVENS AND TO THE EARTH.

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who have made a covenant with me."

PEOPLE: THE HEAVENS DECLARE GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR GOD ALONE IS JUDGE.

***WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 91 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty, Holy, Heavenly One, we come before You in this, Your Sanctuary, seeking to know Your presence. We come before You as people who have failed, faltered and sinned before You. We come seeking Your acceptance, Your forgiveness, and Your renewal. Guide our hearts and minds, O God, during this time of worship. Help us present our whole selves to You. Help us to receive Your love and grace fully. For we offer ourselves and our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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. 290).....2 Kings 2:1-12

ANTHEM.....arr. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God

SECOND READING (pg. 820).....Mark 9:2-9

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Dr. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.

"Staying on the Mountaintop—Or Maybe Not!"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS.....Jennifer Larson

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of hope. You call us through the times of trials and temptation to a new future, where You reside. We approach You with thanksgiving for our lives, our families, our jobs, our church, our friends. As we offer our gifts to You this day, make them into the beginnings of new hopeful futures where there is currently loss and despair. Use these gifts, we pray, O God, to paint signs of hope for those who need them. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**.....CH. 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 265 (vs. 1, 4)

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Cheryl Jarvis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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. 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**

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
3rd-8th attend LIVE BIG!

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Fran Gray, Megan Baines, Jimmy Jarvis, Carey Ward



*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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