

The First Baptist Church at Worship

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

Martin Luther King Jr Sunday

January 20, 2019

10:00 AM

The Gathering

The congregation is invited to meditate and contemplate during the Prelude.

THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

Choral in e minor, Cantique, Improvisation (Adoro te), and Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

In Praise to the Lord

ACOLYTES BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE SANCTUARY TO LIGHT THE CANDLES

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

This Is the Day Eugene Butler

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#58 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

Walter C. Smith based this text on 1 Timothy 1:17: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever." The six-stanza text was published in Smith's Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life and after having been revised by Smith in W. Garrett Horder's Congregational Hymns. Walter C. Smith was born at Aberdeen Dec. 5, 1824 and educated at the Grammar School and University of that City. He pursued his Theological studies at Edinburgh, and was ordained Pastor of the Scottish Church in Chadwell Street, Islington, London, Dec. 25, 1850.

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Alspaugh

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (SEE INSERT)

Shine, Jesus, Shine KENDRICK

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

*WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

(Please register your attendance by filling out a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering bag later in the service.)

We are invited to greet our nearest neighbors, extend our hand, and greet one another in the name of Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Reading & Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Janet Lasley

Micah 6:6-8: "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

1 Corinthians 12:4-13: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#48 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

Thomas Chisholm wrote this hymn as a testament to God's faithfulness through his very ordinary life. Born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, he became a Christian at 27 and entered the ministry when he was 36, though poor health forced him to retire after just one year. During the rest of his life, Chisholm spent many years living in New Jersey and working as a life insurance agent. Still, even with a desk job, he wrote nearly 1,200 poems throughout his life including several hymns.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Alspaugh

(Following the message, children in preK-5 grades will be led downstairs for Sunday School. PreK-1 graders will be in Rm. #4. Grades 2-5 will be in Rm. #3B. Parents are asked to pick up their children after worship.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#392 Open Our Eyes Irregular

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER and

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

God Is So Good Douglas Wagner

God is so good. He's so good to me. The Lord is good and ever blesses us; the wonders of his works proclaim his greatness.

He loves and cares for us, he's always at our side.

The Lord is good, we are his own. He cares for me. God is so good.

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

"Just One Body"

The Response of God's People

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Rev. Alspaugh

Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

(Isaiah 1.17f.)

Lord, we have got it wrong.

We thought you just wanted our worship:

songs of praise and prayers of passion.

But you want the whole of our lives:

a worldly worship of acting justly and living compassionately.

You look inside and ask us who we are and what we want.

Forgive us our sins, we pray challenge us where we are unjust, disturb us when we don't care and transform our selfishness through the love of your Son and the life-giving power of your Spirit.

(from Gathering for Worship)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

