

January 9, 2022

First Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Wisdom cries out in the streets.

We hear and struggle to understand.

People: Come and listen to the words of life and love.

Leader: Hear and proclaim our faith
in the one who brings life.

**All: Let us worship the God of life and wisdom
whose words guide our life on the right paths.**

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 210

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer of Invocation

**O God, your word to us is the good news of Jesus Christ. Yet too
often our words to others are not good news.**

We use your gift of speech to boast about our accomplishments.

**We use our words to speak harshly and to criticize. We put
down other people who are different.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to choose our words carefully and
faithfully, and to use them for the good.**

**May our words be like fresh water from a spring that gives life,
health, and joy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

Scripture

James 3:6-12

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Special Music

Ann Traver Saadah

Sermon

Blessings and Cursing

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

As the Deer

Celebration Hymnal No. 548

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Going Forth

Seekers of Your Heart

Celebration Hymnal No. 557

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Make Us One

Make us one Lord, make us one

Holy Spirit, make us one

Let our love flow, so the world will know

We are one in you; we are one in you.

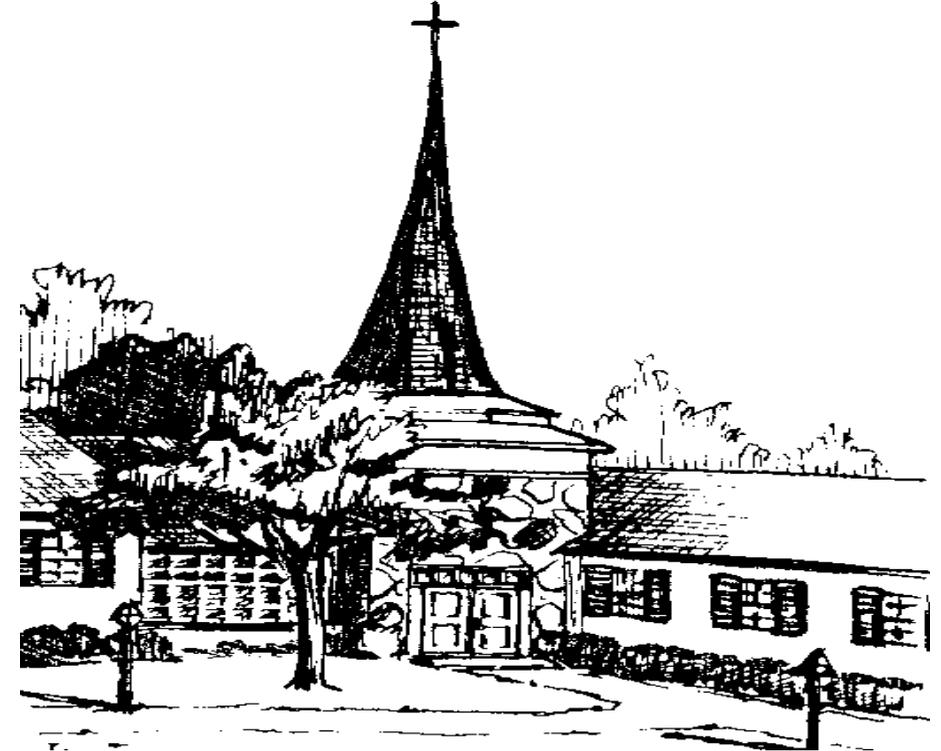
Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

WELCOME!

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.



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