



**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

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6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 12, 2023



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“Our bodies, minds, and spirits stand in ancient communion with the soil.”
~ Lyanda Lynn Haupt

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(1 Corinthians 3)*

The one who plants and the one who waters work together
But it is God who makes it grow.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 52)*

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

Good and mighty God, for the steadfast love that holds us,
we will thank you forever.

Help us trust you and your love alone—
**not wealth or riches, not plots or plans, not words or ideas
blinding us from the truth of your love.**

Plant us instead,
like an olive tree in your house, growing in love forever.

Good and mighty God,
we praise your name.

*HYMN

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

GTG #441

Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville

NETTLETON

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there. **Kids:** May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...proclaiming in our words and deeds: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***INSTRUMENTAL**

MINUTE FOR METANOIA

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

GTG #287

by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

BRIDEGROOM

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 5:21-37

(NRSV)

SERMON

GOD'S COWORKERS

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. *(continued on next page)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

KUM BA YAH

GTG #472

African American Spiritual

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE



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