SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 20, 2022**

*“Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.” Psalm 37:1-2*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** When Morning Gilds the Skies Rebecca Groom Te Velde

For the Beauty of the Earth

**INTROIT** Where Charity and Love Prevail Tune: TWENTY-FOURTH

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

 **\*HYMN** No. 14 *Tune:* DIX

 For the Beauty of the Earth

 **CONFESSION OF SIN**

O God, Lord of love and Searcher of hearts, in whose sight the fine print of our lives is magnified, if we do nothing else in worship, let us be honest with you. We have tried to build ourselves up by cutting others down. We have taken others to task for their shortcomings, while excusing our own. We have played games with our souls to stave off the moment of full surrender to you. Move into our lives in a forgiving, saving way, confirming in us that which is strong and helpful, correcting that which is weak and hurtful, and filling the empty spaces with new resolve to follow Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**PETITION** No. 435

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea.

 There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

 **\*GLORIA PATRI**  No. 581

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.

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

 (Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

 **SOLO** Golden Rule Revival Jason Salzer

 **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Pierce the darkness of our souls, O God, by the light of your word; that we may hear you above all else and live for you before all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

 **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** 1 Samuel 26:6-12 Page 271

 **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 6:27-36 Page 64

 **SERMON** “Does the Church Matter?” Dr. Williams

 *“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

**\*HYMN** No. 310 *Tune:* ST. THOMAS

 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

 stanzas 1,3,5 - all stanza 2 - women stanza 4 - men

 **THE PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

 **\*HYMN** No. 321 *Tune:* AURELIA

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###### **\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 297

###### In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach

###### the life-giving gospel; God’s love we will teach.

######  By grace may our living give proof to our praise

######  in costly compassion reflecting Christ’s ways.

**\*POSTLUDE**

 **\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

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