

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Adoration

Florance Beatrice Price

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 297, v. 4)

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love. For you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling, in him may we grow.*

* OPENING RESPONSES

Abraham Roos

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of
the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful, as your Father in Heaven is merciful.'

To such belong the kingdom.

* HYMN 634

"To God Be the Glory"

GLORY

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, you among us in Jesus of Nazareth, as light shining in the
darkness. Forgive us when we refuse to reflect that holy light in the world. We ask
your forgiveness and healing when we participate in division and oppression, when
we give our allegiance to human powers that do not reverence you or your ways of
justice and mercy. Grant us eyes to see, ears to hear, and courage to follow the
pathway of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-15

(Pew Bible, O.T. p.42)

ANTHEM

All Night, All Day
Handbell Choir

Spiritual/arr. Susan Geschke

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-38

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.64)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG RESPONSE

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.*

SERMON

"Being Right-Side Up in An Upside-Down World"

Dr. Butler

"I say to those who listen, love your enemies and do good to those who hate you."

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 172

"Blest Are They"

BLEST ARE THEY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERTORY

A Pleasant Thought

F.B. Price

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 804**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC**

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 642

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10 a.m.
