

# CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Internet/radio AM 850 and FM 92.5 at 11:00 AM

JANUARY 14, 2018 • SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome Garland Stansell as guest pianist.

Rev. Dr. Larry Michael

Words in **bold text** are spoken in unison by the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley

In confession we acknowledge honestly before God who we are - sinners in need of God's forgiving grace.

\*Those able may stand.

†\*Waiting worshipers may be seated at this time.

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

"O Store Gud" SWEDISH MELODY

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We've come to worship God,  
**Church: Who loved us before we were yet born,**  
Leader: Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,  
**Church: Whose presence never leaves us,**  
Leader: and Whose love for us never ceases.  
**Church: This is our God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**  
Leader: Let's worship together!

## †\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #267 (blue)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK  
*Entrance of the Word and the Light*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, Who is all knowing, we have tried to hide from your searching gaze. We have climbed mountains, and burrowed deep into earth's caverns; we have fled to the farthest edges of our souls, and longed to sail in our fears to the dark side of the moon. And wherever we go - you are waiting for us! Even in the dimmest corners of our hearts, your light is able to find us.**  
**Lost, we are found; afraid to speak of our sinfulness - but speak we must. Forgive us our sins, all of them. You hear our fumbling words before we shape them in our minds. Unable to help ourselves, you redeem us through the gracious love of Jesus Christ, our LORD, our Savior. Amen.**

## \*DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS

In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort; in moments so dark, we stumble over ourselves, God lights the way; in joy which cascades into our souls, God fills us with healing.  
**Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing.**  
**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri" 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*

†\*PEACE OF CHRIST The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

## CELEBRATIONS

## MOMENT FOR FAITH SHARING

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 1:1-28 pages 303-304  
Matthew 19:13-15 page 25  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN #270 (blue) "O God, in a Mysterious Way" DUNDEE

## \*SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 page 710  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"God Knows Best"  
#1 A Faith For All Seasons (Childhood)

## RESPONSE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK  
*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,*  
*All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*  
*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell*  
*How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. (Chorus)*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional) page 14 (blue)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sign the Friendship Pad located in the pew, and pass it down the row.

Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley

Russell Nance

Katya O'Leary  
Children ages 3-5 may leave the Sanctuary for Enrichment after this time.

Lay Readers:  
Carolyn Ashworth - 8:30  
Margaret Kelly - 11:00

All our worship centers around the reading and interpretation of Scripture.

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Rev. Susan Laney  
An Affirmation of Faith summarizes our belief and trust.

Together we offer our prayers.

Solo - 8:30 Dr. Philip Copeland  
11:00 - Chancel Choir

In our offering we give back to  
God not only our money but  
our whole lives in joyful  
commitment.

Rev. Susan Laney

With the Benediction we are  
sent forth to serve God in  
the world.

ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS are invited to stop  
by after the 11:00am  
Worship Service to enjoy  
light refreshments and each  
other at our SUNDAY  
CELEBRATION in the  
Waters' Atrium at the  
bottom of the staircase.

Front cover image:

## OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### Offertory Anthem "Search Me, O God"

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today,  
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray;  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.*

*I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
Fulfill Thy word and make me pure within;  
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;  
Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.*

*Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine;  
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;  
Take all my will, my passion, self and pride;  
I now surrender, Lord, in me abide.*

### \*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDETH

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

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN #483 (blue) "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

### \*CHALLENGE & BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Oliver Holden

*The Voyage of Life* is a series of paintings created by Thomas Cole in 1842, representing an allegory of the four stages of human life: childhood, youth, manhood, and old age. The paintings depict a voyager who travels in a boat on a river through the mid-19th-century American wilderness. In each painting the voyager rides the boat on the River of Life accompanied by a guardian angel. The landscape, each reflecting one of the four seasons of the year, plays a major role in conveying the story. With each installment the boat's direction of travel is reversed from the previous picture. In childhood, the infant glides from a dark cave into a rich, green landscape. As a youth, the boy takes control of the boat and aims for a shining castle in the sky. In manhood, the adult relies on prayer and religious faith to sustain him through rough waters and a threatening landscape. Finally, the man becomes old and the angel guides him to heaven across the waters of life.

**NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE FROM,  
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE OUR NEIGHBOR.  
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!**

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*The Voyage of Life: Childhood*

*"Nobody wants to be known, even when he knows that his health and salvation depend on it. There is something within all of us that we wish to hide, something that we wish to remain private. But when we stand in the presence of the Almighty God, that which is humanly private becomes divinely public. God looks with eyes that see everything; He peers into man's ground and depth. Our entire inner life, our thoughts and desires, our feelings and imaginations, are known by God. Who does not hate a companion who is always present on every rock?*

*Who does not want to break through the prison of such a perpetual companionship?"*

~Martin Luther King, Jr., Address to MIA Mass Meeting at Day Street Baptist Church,  
26 April 1956, in Papers 3:230-232.



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