

Worship Service: Sunday February 12, 2017
6th Sunday after Epiphany
Theme: "Christ empowers us to Share the Good News"

WE GATHER – A BLESSED PEOPLE

*Call to Worship:

One: It is good to sing praises to our God.

**Many: It is right to sing unto the Lord,
for the Lord is gracious and kind.**

One: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power.
His understanding is beyond measure.

**Many: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden.
He answers all who call on His name.
Praise be to the Lord - now and forever.**

***Song of Adoration: "The Steadfast Love"**

Bop #20

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
Your mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness**

You, Lord are my portion says my soul
Therefore I will hope in You

You Lord is good, to those who wait for You.
To the soul that seeks You.
It is good that we should wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord

The Lord will not cast off for ever
But will have compassion
For God does not willingly afflict
Or grieve the righteous ones.

So let us examine all our ways, and return to the Lord.
Let us lift up our hearts and hands
To God in heaven

God's Greeting (*from 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

(Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.

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

And also with you.

(As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The Sharing of the Peace (*We greet each other saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you"*)

Song: **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet"** Bop #495

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Reader 1 Eternal God,
 We come before you with words of praise,
 We seek to worship you and draw closer to you.
 You are worthy of praise.
 You created the heavens and the earth
 And all that are contained within.
 Thank you for your mighty acts in creation. Amen.

Reader 2: We give you thanks for your son Jesus Christ.
 For his ministry of teaching and healing.
 For showing us the way to a better life.
 For providing us with a way to you
 And for the promise of eternal life.
 O God, you are so gracious.

In your great mercy you provide us with all that we need.
We take joy in the abundance of your bounty,
In the manner in which you care for creation. Amen.

All: **You call us to walk in your light, but we too often choose darkness.
Hear us now as we recall our sins before you.
You give life but too often we are tempted to follow ways that are deadly. Holy God, you have called us to freedom, but we bind ourselves with fear.
You have called us to new directions, but we cling to the path we know.
You have called us to reach out in love, but we draw inward for protection.
You have called us to choose you and life but we choose ourselves and death.
Forgive us, O God, help us to trust you, and lead us to wholeness and peace.**

Assurance of God's Pardon:

As the Israelites stood at the frontier of the Promised Land, God offered them a choice. They were invited to choose life and to choose blessing by being faithful and obedient to God's command. This is not a one time opportunity; God's call to life and blessing is refreshed each day. Accept the life that God is offering you today. Be forgiven, forgive others and be set free to live abundantly. Amen.

Response of Praise: **"I'm forgiven because you were forsaken"**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

**Amazing love, How can it be
That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true.
It's my joy to honor You,
In all I do, I honor You.**

Youth message: **“Forgiving and Forgiven”**

Youth Song: **“Send The Water”**

There came a woman to the well, Her deepest pain the Savior felt
He spoke of everlasting life, A well that never would run dry
She laid her life before His feet, Where all that's lost is made complete
She cried

**Send the water from above, Let it rain undying love
Satisfy my soul**

**Send the water from above, From the fountain of Your love
Come and make me whole (make me whole)**

Deep is the sorrow of my sin, And yet somehow I search within
I find no solace in my soul, Just emptiness and bitter cold
I lay my life before Your feet, Where all that's lost is made complete
I cry

All my guilt and all my shame, all my sin the deepest stains
Wash away wash away
All my guilt and all my shame, all my sin the deepest stains
Wash away Lord wash away
All my guilt and all my shame, all my sin the deepest stains
Wash away wash away

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GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

Prayer for Understanding

The Reading of Scripture:

Psalm 119: 1-8
Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **“We Choose Life”**

Song of Response: **“Jesus Life of all the World”** Bop # 776

Prayers of God's People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”** BoP#79

WE ARE SENT...A BLESSED PEOPLE

The Benediction

Recessional Song: **“Sent forth by your blessing”** Bop #775