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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 14, 2018

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude in G Minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen.**)

Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned:

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 170 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want Crimond

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalms 139:1-6,13-18

Unison

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord; you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God. How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them – they are more than the sand;

I come to the end – I am still with you.

Anthem

Wings of the Dawn

Linda A. Spencer, 1985

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I go from your presence? If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say surely darkness will hide me and the light be dark around me, not even dark is dark to you, night will shine like the day. So I'll praise you, lift up my voice and I'll praise you, Lord. Father I praise you. You created me within; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful. Rise on wings of the dawn. (-- based on Psalm 139)

Epistle

2 Corinthians 11:21b-29

Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon

Putting Worry in Its Place

Dr. Don McKim

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life." Matthew 6:25

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 286

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

St. Bride

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Improvisation on the hymn tune Lattimer

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Postlude

Recessional

Douglas E. Wagner