

THE PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity
Offertory

Dr. Oliver Wagner

CHORAL ANTHEM

- + Response (#606) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" OLD HUNDREDETH
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- + Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table
Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**
 Leader: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

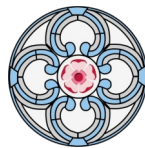
The Lord's Prayer

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.

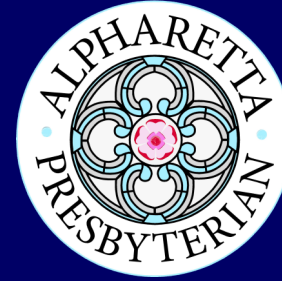
Words of Institution
Sharing of Bread and Cup
Prayer of Response

We Go to Follow God's Leading

- + HYMN #530 "One Bread, One Body" ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
- + CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- + POSTLUDE



*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We bear the light of Christ in the world!*



We are called to be a Christ-centered family of believers, committed to growing spiritually, worshipping joyfully, and sharing God's love daily.

Worship Staff

Dr. Oliver Wagner,
Pastor

Rev. Anne Fyffe,
Associate Pastor

Rev. Beverly Markham,
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Rev. Erin Noh,
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Sunday, February 2, 2020

9:30 and 11:00 am

"God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

1 Corinthians 1:25



Welcome to worship

As you settle into your seat this morning, ask yourself: What brought you here? What do you hope to find here? What are the gifts that you bring? Which heavy burden do you imagine you can leave here? What kind of blessing do you seek? Throughout the season of Epiphany, in our worship we seek to notice the glimpses of the Divine One at work in our community and in our world, and in seeing God at work, we find a blessing.

This word "blessing" is a complicated word. Today we will wrestle with what blessings look like in scripture - from Jacob at the Jabbok to Jesus teaching from the mountain, we will see how blessings come in unusual and sometimes confusing and painful ways. As we worship together, we hope that you find a glimpse of God at work here, offering you a blessing.

Beverly

Rev. Beverly Markham



Service of Worship

February 2, 2020 ♦ Souper Bowl of Caring ♦ 9:30 and 11:00 am

Gather

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love, and peace made real. Open my eyes to the way of love so that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Beverly Markham

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register located on each pew, closest to the center aisle)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Souper Bowl of Caring

APC Youth

TRINITY CHIMES

Praise

- + CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 5:1-12)
(translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz)

Rev. Erin Noh (9:30 am)
Rev. Anne Fyffe (11 am)

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing.

People: They will be guided by God's light.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving,

People: They will be returned from their wandering.

Leader: Blessed are the meek,

People: They will be open to receive the splendor of earth's fruits.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers,

People: They shall hasten the coming of God's new creation.

Leader: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

All: Let us worship together, serving one another and serving God.

- + HYMN #172

"Blest Are They"

BLEST ARE THEY

- + PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

+ Those able, please stand.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Sung Confession (#491)

"You Have Put On Christ"

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Silent Prayer of Confession

Unison Prayer

God of justice, kindness, and mercy, guide us to live into the ways you have taught us. Forgive us for the decisions we make and the actions we take that do not seek justice for all. Forgive us for not trusting that your justice is restoring and healing for the whole earth. Teach us to be kinder to all people and to all creation. Teach us to live with the reflection of your love in our hearts. Help us to show mercy to others, even when it is hard. Keep our feet faithful to the path you set out before us, in the name of Jesus, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- + RESPONSE OF PRAISE #583

"Glory to God"

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

- + PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

The Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Erin Noh (11 am)

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 16:1-16

Leader: The light shines in the darkness **People: and the darkness does not overcome it!**

SERMON

"Is There A Blessing Here?"

Rev. Beverly Markham

We Offer Our Gifts

- + THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed p. 34 hymnal)

- + HYMN #834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD