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Ushers - Youth Group

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Bonnie Dupre
Hailey Crawford
Mary Lou Johnston
R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella
Mary Lou Johnston
D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 19, 2017

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by Grace in thanksgiving for our Altar Guild volunteers: Bridgette, Pastor Rich, Jerrie, John, Patsy, Mary Lou, & Marilyn.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus or Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.



Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(p. 164 in hymnal)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that, forgiven of our sins, we may continue to be built into Your holy house; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God's grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" #194 in The Best of the Best Songbook

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PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(p. 163 in hymnal)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“What Is This Bread?” #239, “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” #225, “Take My Life, and Let It Be” #206, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #115, all in The Best of the Best Songbook

GUITAR SONG:

Your Love Oh Lord – Psalm 36 Brad Avery, David Carr, Mark Lee & Mac Powell

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides
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+ PREPARATION +

Stand

HYMN “Someone Else Living in You” #199 in The Best of the Best Songbook

Someone Else Living in You *Michael Zehnder*

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word.
Hold, Hold, hold to His teaching, and show that you really have heard.
Keep, keep, keep His commandments; live, live, live in His grace.
Love, love, love as He first loved you, and run for the prize in the race.

For there is Someone else living in you. For there is Someone else dwelling in you.
For there is Someone else building his kingdom in you, yes, in you.
For there is Someone else living in you. For there is Someone else dwelling in you.
For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you.

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word.
Hold, Hold, hold to His teaching, and show that you really have heard.
Thank, thank, thank Him for daily bread; thank, thank, thank Him for love.
Praise, praise, praise Him for Jesus' blood; salvation's a gift from above.

And there's a new day waiting for you. And there's a new day of healing for you.
And there's a new day; Jesus will come back for you, yes, for you.
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Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word.
Hold, Hold, hold to His teaching, and show that you really have heard.
Sing, sing, sing with your heart on fire; sing, sing, sing with your mind.
Pray, pray, pray in the Spirit, and love Him with heart, soul and mind.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Psalm 98:3

Pastor: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
People: **He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Lamentations 3:22–23; Hebrews 10:23;
1 Corinthians 6:19*

Pastor: "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in faithfulness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Yet we would hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: **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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" #234 in The Best of the Best Songbook

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(p. 161 in hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our Savior. You have graciously given us the gift of faith and endowed us with the gifts of the Spirit, deigning to allow us to carry forward Your Son's ministry. Grant that we remain strong in faith and grounded in faithfulness as we come to the Table of the Lord and receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, which come to us in His body and blood.
People: Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 103:8–11; antiphon: Psalm 103:2–3*

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,
People: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
People: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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KYRIE

Pastor: Have mercy on Your people, Lord.
People: Have mercy, Christ, our King.
Pastor: Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;
People: Accept the prayers we bring.

HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #73 in The Best of the Best Songbook

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, You have established the Church with Christ as the foundation and made us to be Your holy people.
People: Use us as You continue to grow the Church to the glory of Your holy name;
Pastor: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

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