



Joseph Recognized by His Brothers, Marc Chagall

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Seventh Sunday
after Epiphany
Sunday, February 20, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 37:4-5, 7, 39

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord, and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus teaches first by example. The one who says, “Do not judge, but forgive,” asks only of us what he has already done for us. Let us practice the Teacher’s instruction in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lk. 6:35-39

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure—spilling out and running over. **Thanks be to God.**

Now go out and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 693)

*Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gen. 45:3-11, 15

Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need—for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 6:27-38 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“That May Not Mean What You Think It Means”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, 9.21-22

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Janice Odom*

Communion Servers: *Susan Godthaab, Cindy Little*

The Life of the Church

On Earth as It Is in Heaven: Mission as a Spiritual Practice is the the theme of a two-part class being led by Jeff Moles on Tuesdays February 22 and March 1 at 7:00pm on Zoom. We will be exploring ways to re-think the ways we have done "mission" - moving from a model where those who "have" provide for those who "have not" to something that more closely resembles God's radical vision of love in community.

Ash Wednesday worship will be held March 2 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. This service, marking the beginning of the season of Lent, will include imposition of ashes and communion. Ashes On The God will be offered on the front steps of the church from 8:00-9:00 for those who would like to receive a prayer of blessing and imposition of ashes as they begin their day.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

The Pastor's Lenten Book Study begins Wednesday, March 9, running through April 6. We will be discussing the book *I'm Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers* by Tim Madigan. Classes will meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm. Please contact the church office if you would like help purchasing the book.



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the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
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