

The Lord's Day, January 16, 2022

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
John 6:35*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 135:1-3

Minister: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the name of the Lord,

Minister: give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

People: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

Unison: sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

*Hymn of Adoration: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (No. 457)

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity: The heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches; the universe is your temple. Your presence fills immensity, yet you have of your pleasure created life and communicated happiness. You have made me what I am and given me what I have. In you I live and move and have my being. Your providence has set the bounds of my habitation and wisely administers all my affairs. I thank you for your riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where I behold his person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection. I come to you in his all-prevailing name. Amen.

adapted from "God the Source of All Good" in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Larger Confession, 7**

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

***Gloria Patri (Tune: Ode to Joy)**

**Glory to you, God our Father, you are worthy of our praise;
In the highest realms of heaven, on your throne of majesty.
Glory to you, high and exalted, seated among the angel host.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we will praise you evermore!**

The Psalter Reading: Psalm 139

Minister: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

Minister: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

People: Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.

Minister: You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Minister: Where can I go from your Spirit?

People: Where can I flee from your presence?

Minister: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

People: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Minister: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

People: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Minister: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

People: even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Minister: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Minister: your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

People: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

Minister: When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

People: All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Minister: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

People: How vast is the sum of them!

Minister: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

People: When I awake, I am still with you.

Minister: If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

People: They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

Minister: Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord, and abhor those who rise up against you?

People: I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

People: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

***Hymn of Approach: "Now Thank We All Our God" (No. 98)**

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven-
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Congregational Prayers

Unison: Our Father, we thank you for the Gospel! You have led us to embrace it, and you have given us a partnership in it. Thank you that you, who have begun this good work in us, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. And so we pray that our love may abound yet more and more in all knowledge and discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

from Philippians 1:3-11

A Season of Prayer for the President, Congress and Supreme Court and all elected officials

A Season of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

For the Unborn

For the Aged

For the Infirm

A Season of Prayer for CareNet

Pastoral Prayer and Words of Assurance

Minister: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." Isaiah 49:13-16a

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" (SH No. 17)**

1 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

3 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

2 My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Doxology (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Psalm 34**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "Tasting God's Goodness" (Rev. Mike Glodo)

***Hymn of Response: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (No. 53)**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Support CareNet**

During the month of January (Sanctity of Life Month), Christ the King will again join with other churches and organizations in our community to support CareNet in Vero. There will be a pack-and-play in the classroom for your donations of diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, gently used car seats and cribs, and anything useful for newborns through four year olds. If you have any questions, please see Carolyn Beckett.

➤ **Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time**

Men, we invite you to Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and C.J. Cannon's.

➤ **Women's Bible Study Resumes**

All women of the church are invited to participate in our nine-week Bible study of Judges. We meet on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. As we study the book of Judges, we will take a good look at these twelve judges from Jewish history. We will take note of their dependence on God and obedience to His commands. We will observe the people of Israel and their repeated downward spiral into sin, refusing to learn from history and living only for the moment. But most of all, we will stand in awe of God's mercy as He delivers his people time and time again.

The blue study folders may be found on the book table. There is no charge for the folders. Bring a friend.

➤ **Notes from the Fellowship Committee**

There are several dishes left from various meals in the kitchen. If you are missing a dish, please check the kitchen. If no one claims them in a few weeks, they will be donated to the Women's Refuge Resale Shop. Thank you.

We are in need of two people for kitchen crew, each Sunday, for March, April and August to arrange refreshments on trays, make coffee, roll out the refreshment tables and stay to clean up. A signup sheet is located in the narthex and a list of duties is posted in the kitchen. If you have questions, please see Carolyn Beckett or Bev Bell. On behalf of the Fellowship Committee, a heartfelt thank you for your commitment to serve others.