

Rev. Rachel Vione

JANUARY 19, 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. January 19, 2020

~We Gather in God’s Name~

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

+PRELUDE *“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”* Carleton Inniss

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT *“All My Heart Today Rejoices”* Johann Ebeling

OPENING PRAYER Darrin Lee

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *from Psalm 40*
O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness
In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.
Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.
In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.
Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our Awesome God!
In joyful trust, we come to worship our God.

*HYMN NO. 645 *“Sing Praises to God Who Reigns Above”* MIT FREUDEN SART

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
We worship You today, O Lord, in repentance and trust. In us there is darkness, but with You there is light. We are alone, but You never leave us. We are feeble and sinful of heart, but You are slow to anger and compassionate. We are restless, but with You there is peace. Your ways are past our understanding, but You know the way for us. Forgive and cleanse us, O Lord, and save us according to Your abundant mercy.
based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

SUNG RESPONSE
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* Hymn No. 435, v. 1
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.

±*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us greet one another with expressions of Christ’s peace.
(Please greet those around you, including the exchange of:
“The peace of Christ be with you”, responding “and also with you”).

~ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ~

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:18-20

PRESENTATION Elder Cindy Mies

The children being baptized today are:
Clark Paul Kress
Son of Courtney & Paul Kress
&
Michael James Pontillo
Son of Elizabeth & David Pontillo

HYMN NO. 486, v.1 *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”* KINGDOM
Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
(Please remain seated)

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Statement of Commitment
Elder: Jesus Christ commanded us to teach those who are baptized. Let us state our commitment to these children:
All: **We joyfully welcome Clark Paul and Michael James into the church: the family of faith and the body of Christ on earth. We promise to enfold them in our love and offer them support, understanding, and counsel as they grow in faith. As people of God, we promise to teach them the things of Christ, and by our fellowship, to strengthen their family ties with the Household of God.**

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN NO. 486, vs. 2 - 4 *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”* KINGDOM
(Please remain seated)

~We Hear God’s Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Deacon Elizabeth Coleman
Eternal God, Your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear Your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on Your promises in Scripture. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 40:1-11 (p. 513, pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22 (p. 192, pew Bible)
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