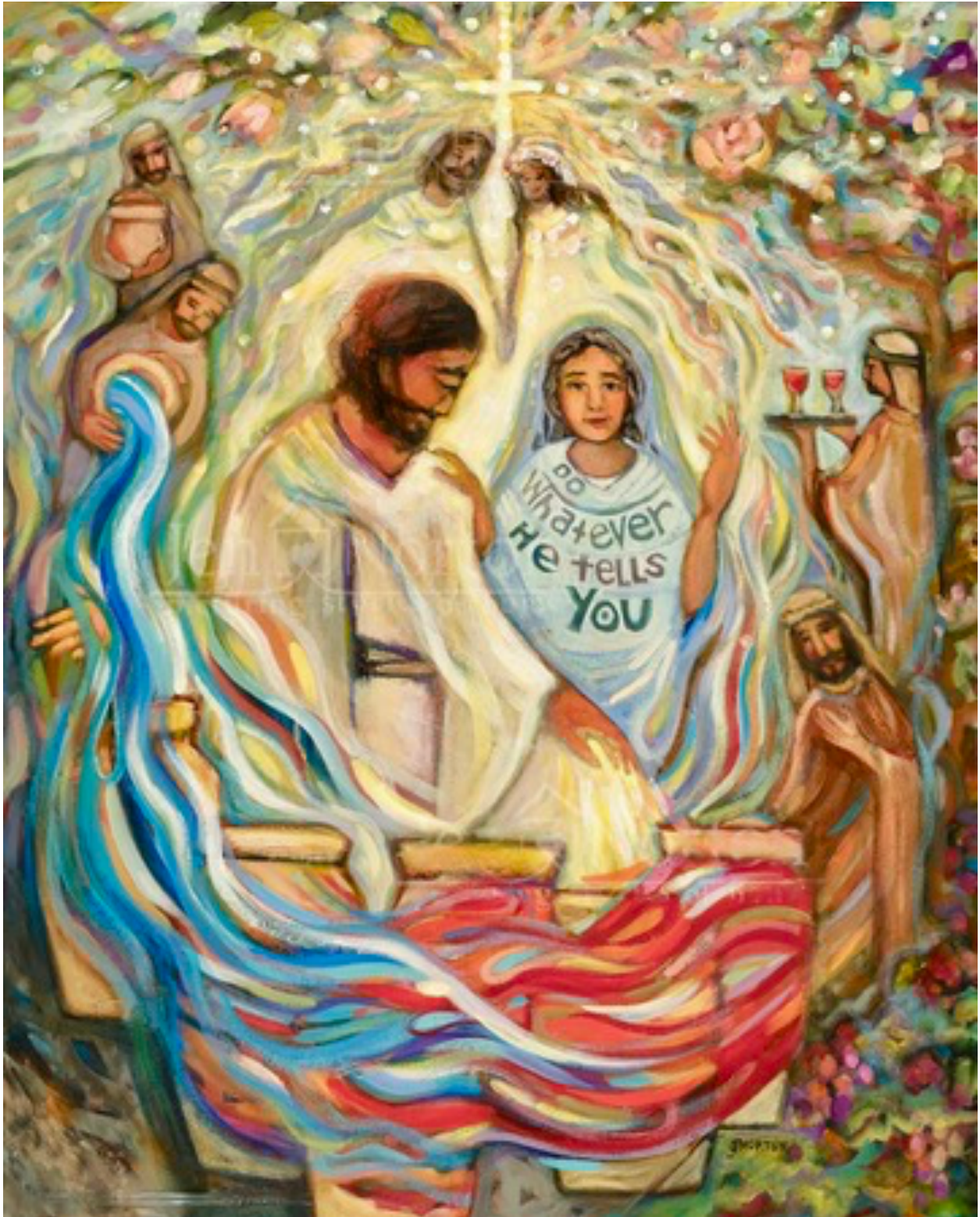


*A Service of Worship on the Lord's Day*  
*Second Sunday After Epiphany*  
January 19, 2025



Art by Jen Newton Art Studio

*Gathering in God's Presence*

Restrooms and Nursery Care are in the Fellowship Hall next door.

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG #155

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

Taizé

Two-voice canon

♩ = 84 (A) D G A (B)

Raise a song of glad-ness peo - ple of the earth

Christ has come bring-ing peace, joy to ev - 'ry heart

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - 'ry heart.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We've come to celebrate the feast of life.

All: **Some come early and some come late,  
but we need not fear the joy will be exhausted.**

One: The Lord of hosts will make for all peoples Isaiah 25:6, 8-9  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines.

All: **Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,**

One: Yes, this is our God; we have waited for Christ, so that we might be saved.

All: **Let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.**

HYMN #395

“Blessed Jesus at Your Word”

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS

One: Before you, Jesus Christ,  
we admit we prefer to respond to your calling on our lives on our terms  
rather than on your terms,  
rushing ahead with our plans without discerning if they are yours  
stalling in doing the loving thing because we claim we are not ready.

Lord have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

One: We admit how and where we have underestimated our influence,  
thinking our small actions are worthless, our inaction unimportant,  
our gracious words impotent and our silence neutral.

Lord, have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

One: We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion,  
attracting attention more to ourselves and less to you,  
instead of humbly following Jesus' unassuming example.

Lord have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

One: Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel,  
a lighter cross, a less demanding savior,  
then turn our eyes and avert our longing  
from what we want to choose to the one who has chosen us.

All: Lord have mercy.  
 Christ have mercy.  
 Forgive our unfaithfulness in promoting your kingdom,  
 and, for our better living,  
 give us not perpetual plans for tomorrow  
 but good news from you to share today.

SILENT PRAYER (take time to be personal and specific)

SONG

“Holy Life”

Wa - ter washed, Spir-it born, ho-ly  
 Jes - us calls us to ho-ly  
 Liv-ing wa - ter liv-ing  
 life. Wa - ter  
 life.  
 wa - ter of ho - ly life.

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ASSURANCE (based on Mark 1:15 and Ecclesiastes 3:1)  
 One: *Jesus says, ‘The time is now, and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
 turn to God’s ways, and trust the good news.’*

All: For everything there is a season,  
 and a time for every matter under heaven.  
 Thank you, merciful God,  
 for helping us discern our role in your salvation.

\*PASSING CHRIST’S PEACE

*Hearing God’s Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “God of the Word”

Out of the bab - ble that sur - rounds us, out of the

Text and music: Ken Medema (b. 1943)

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cha - os that's with - in, where can we go to find our  
 mean-ing? Is there a place we can be - gin?  
 God of the Word, now let the Word be spo - ken. Word of our  
 God, come vis - it us with grace. Rise like a fra - grance,  
 like a chord of mu - sic, fill - ing all this ho - ly place.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS  
 OLD TESTAMENT  
 NEW TESTAMENT

Psalm 34:1-9  
 John 2:1-11

*Responding to God's Word*

SERMON

"Do What Jesus Tells You to Do"

Ms. Joseph Rack

HYMN #506

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"A Christian Aid Affirmation"

One: Putting our full trust in Christ, let us say what we believe

All: **We believe that God hopes and works for a world  
 where all shall be included in the feast of life,  
 and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.  
 We believe that rich and poor alike can be generous, wise and creative  
 because all are made in God's image,  
 and that all are made poorer when they are left out.  
 We confess that we use our strength to protect ourselves  
 and order the world to benefit the rich not the poor,  
 and that no one can be trusted with too much power over others.  
 We believe that loving our neighbors means working for justice,  
 so that all have a say in what happens to them.  
 We believe that God made the good earth to sustain and delight us,  
 and that we are called to take care of it and enjoy it.  
 We believe that the God of all the earth  
 is at work beyond the churches as well as within them,  
 making common cause with all who want the poor to be included.  
 We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth  
 and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied,  
 and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,  
 now is always the time when more good can be done  
 and we can make a difference.**

OFFERTORY

"Wind Upon the Waters"

Marty Haugen

## SHARING OUR CALLINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (pray the Lord's Prayer in a way meaningful to you)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

\*HYMN #292

"As the Wind Song"

### CLOSING SENTENCES

One: God gives us Christ's Spirit

whose power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

All: Surprise us with the wonderful joy of your calling on our life.

One: Make us willing to let you transform our ordinary offerings into your extraordinary gifts.

All: Give us gladness celebrating life in your Spirit.

To the Spirit be glory in the church

and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

### SENDING SONG

"Baptized in Water"

*Brightly*

Bap-tized in wa - ter, sib-ling of Je - sus, sealed with the  
sign of grace, I am com - mis - sioned with all be-  
lieve - ers to show God's hu - man face.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is marked 'Brightly' and features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a measure with a 5/4 time signature. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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### \*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

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Thank you to our Liturgist this morning, Barbara Melvin.

Thank you to our Greeters this morning, Amy Erickson and Alexis Schaefer.