



A Service for the Worship of God

10:30 a.m. *Seventh Sunday After Epiphany* Feb. 23, 2025

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude "Carmen Fantasy" by Bizet

Luyang Liu

Greetings and Welcome

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(A special welcome to our guest preacher Elder Linwood Bagby.)

*Opening Hymn 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (verses 1 & 3)

Call to Worship from Psalm 37:39-40

One: Our salvation is from the Lord;

All: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

One: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

All: God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

*Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" - the false gods of prosperity and materialism, racial and ethnic privilege, gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children. Amen.

Kyrie (in unison)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Office Hours, Week of February 24th:

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 - 1:00

Wednesday: 9:00 - 2:00

Friday: 9:00 - 11:30

Recent Prayer Requests

Families as they grieve: The family of Ellie Kramps, Linwood Bagby and his family, Richard B. Watson, Linda Macari's uncle; the family of Jean B. Trumpp, the family of Dorothy (Dorie) Ledesma, Theodosia Ashie and her family; the family of Betty Zwicky, the family of Doug Clausen, Janet Scho and her family, The Miller family; the families of Ross Charnock, Emily Sena, Judy Walsh, Rob and Roseanne Lindemann. We pray for Elsi Madi, friend of the Macaris; Eyad and Kristina Khalifeh and Raine Grace Khalifeh, Jillian Knetchtel's mother, Susanne Stamm, Cena Pollit, Marcie Pollit, The DeFazio Family, Mary Jankowski, Bill Murphy, the Herrlich family, Betty Gustafson, Liz Henderson, Betty Sharret, Jeannie, friend of MaryAnn Miller; Jim Tway, Rev. Charlie and Mary Sutton, the people in countries at war. If there are matters of concern or thanksgiving you would like included in our prayers or if you would like a name removed from the list, please fill out the prayer request portion of the connection card and put them into the offering or email Fanwoodpres@gmail.com.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel - God's radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri *(in unison)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. (or Peace be with you. or Peace.)

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

(The children, preschool through fifth grade, may leave for church school after the message.)

Prayer for Illumination O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us in this day and age. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Leviticus 15: 19-20; **Gospel** Mark 5: 21-34

Message "Faith Means Ultimate Risk"

Elder Linwood Bagby

Responding to God's Word

Call for The Offering *from Acts 20: 35*

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offering Song "Homeward Bound" by Marta Keen

Prayer of Dedication

All: O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

***Doxology 592** *(in unison)*

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Sent Out by God's Word

***Sending Hymn** 267 "All Things Bright And Beautiful" *(verses 1 & 3)*

***Charge and Benediction** *based on 1 Corinthians 15: 48-49*

As those who are of dust and of heaven, bear the image of God into the world, lift up the brokenhearted and stand with the oppressed. Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. Amen.

***Postlude** "Be Thou My Vision"

Luyang Liu

Welcome to the Worship of God!

Your ushers today are Elizabeth Martison and Kim Whitefield.

Updated Worship Schedule

3/2 Ken Macari

We look forward to the arrival of our Interim Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Stacy Smith!

She will join us starting March 4th.