

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 17, 2021**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Healers and truth-tellers draw near. We honor our bodies by baring our souls to the Creator. We join our hands, hearts, and voices as we are able. We open up our eyes and gaze on simple glories in one face and then another. God who calls, open us to the possibility that we will wake from our dysfunction and slumber, and serve one another. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

OPENING HYMN: *BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me
may glow with holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

CALL TO WORSHIP

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

God who calls, we have been asleep. We have been greedy and forgetful. We have acted as though we do not believe we are loved or can love. We want to wake up, to share, to remember, and we look to you and to each other to hear our confession and hold us accountable. Amen.

ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: I Samuel 3:1 – 10

New Testament: John 1:43 – 51

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: *WHAT FAITH CAN DO* – *Kutless*

Darin Jellison

SERMON: *Remember Your Roots*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in a loving God,
who is life's breath for all of earth's creatures,
who is the ground in which our lives flourish,
who is the mystery toward which we are drawn.

We believe in the risen Christ,
whose life is the way we see God made real,
whose death bears witness to the power of love,
whose presence nourishes our spirits each day.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who flows as a refreshing spring of life,
who comes as divine fire to energize the faithful,
who creates communities of joy and justice.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of Time and Space,
You are not bound by calendars, cell phones, and watches,
teach us to not be bound by them either.

God of the stars, the heavens, the planets and their orbits,
you sent a star to guide the Magi on their journey to the Christ Child,
Send your star to guide us on journeys of faith.

God of Creation, your word spoke creation into being,
you sent your son as the light into a world of darkness,
God may your word still speak to us today,
May your son still be the light in our worlds of darkness.

God, our dark world is a hotbed of fighting, pollution, starvation, and
homelessness.

Teach us to once again be stewards of your earth.
Bring forth your peace in the midst of the battles.

May there be plenty for those who are starving.
May there be homes for those without homes.

And just as the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child
may we bring gifts to the Christ Child again. Amen

Pause for private intercessions

Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass.
We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *SUNSHINE SONG* – Jason Mraz

Darin Jellison

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Unison: God who knows us inside and out. You created us to have different experiences of you and taught us to respond to you with gifts of gratitude. We have worked to collect and recollect abundance. We have toiled and felt the weight of the unknown future. But we come now in earnest hope and faith to offer what we have, do what we can, and let go of the outcome. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN: *O MORNING STAR, HOW CLEAR AND BRIGHT*

- 1 O Morning Star, how clear and bright, your beam shines forth in truth and light!
My Sovereign meek and lowly! O Root of Jesse, Promised One,
my God and Ruler, you have won my heart to serve you solely!
You are holy, great and glorious, all-victorious, Rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.
- 2 Come heavenly Brightness, Light divine, and deep within my heart now shine,
there make yourself an altar! Fill me with joy and strength to be your member,
joined eternally in love that cannot falter; Longing for you does possess me; turn
and bless me; Here in sadness eye and heart long for your gladness.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE