

**January 19, 2020 – 10:00 am
Second Sunday After the
Epiphany**



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- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT
- LITURGY BY REV LAVON BAYLER
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Amazing Grace”** Jerry Ray

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Have you understood God’s thoughts toward us?
Have you listened to glad news of deliverance?

MANY: We are here to receive God’s message.

Our hearts are open to the Word we will hear.

One: Listen, all who are near and all who are far away;
God is calling us as servants and as saints.

MANY: Usually we do not think of ourselves in that way. We resist lowly roles, but we do not aspire to sainthood.

One: Do not be afraid to serve God with your whole being, neither fear the call to join the saints of Jesus Christ.

MANY: We trust that God will strengthen us for our tasks. We are ready to be led into new responsibilities.

*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 293 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

As we are gather in your presence, O God, we proclaim your faithfulness and saving power. Like the first twelve we have followed Jesus as our teacher and believe that he is your anointed servant. Through him we have received the Spirit without whom we could not pray as we ought. Accept our spiritual worship through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-7 Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40:1-11 Page 647-648

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God. Amen

SERMON:

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 423**

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with silent, personal prayer

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: **“You Are Mine”** David Haas

*DOXOLOGY: **NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of the saints in every age and time, we are grateful
for the privilege of being numbered among them as we
invest our gifts from you. Because of your generosity,
we have not lacked for anything we really need. Grant
now that our words and deeds may follow our offering
into loving service in your realm. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: **NCH 573**

“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **TUNE: “Amazing Grace”**

**Depart in peace to do God’s will;
Walk ever in the light,
For Christ is with you ever more,
To guide you day and night. *(Written by Ruth Duck)***

*POSTLUDE: **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Roger C. Wilson