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Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Be the Church: Share Earthly & Spiritual Resources

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

arr. Tate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: If we only have moments to spare,

ALL: God will use our gifts of time.

L: If we only have one or two special aptitudes,

ALL: God will use the gifts of talents.

L: If we only have a few dollars to give,

ALL: God will use our gifts of treasure.

L: In seasons of abundance or seasons of scarcity,

ALL: We find ways to give, and God rejoices in our offering.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: God of Abundance, forgive us: we have held tight to that which we claim is ours alone; we have hoarded resources rather than sharing them; we have had more than enough while others were still left in need. Have mercy on us, and transform us so that we may be merciful to others, sharing what we have and who we are—gifts given generously by you and for you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (black hymnal, v. 2)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

John 2: 1-11

MESSAGE

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HYMN NO. 563 (black hymnal)

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(8:00 AM) **JUBILATION ANTHEM**

Lord, Work a Miracle

by Pepper Choplin

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

by Hopson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Be the Church!

ALL SING: The Spirit invites us to travel new roads into the community, sharing life's loads. We reach out with love helping neighbors in need. God says **BE THE CHURCH** in both word and in deed.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 181 (black hymnal)

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

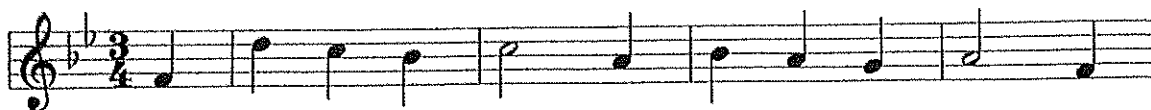
Rise Up and Serve the Lord

by Harris

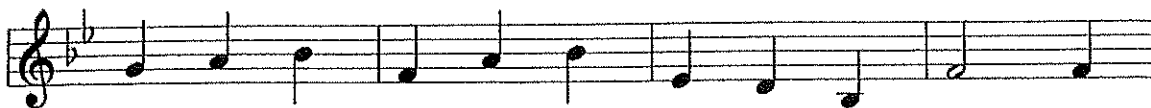
GRACE

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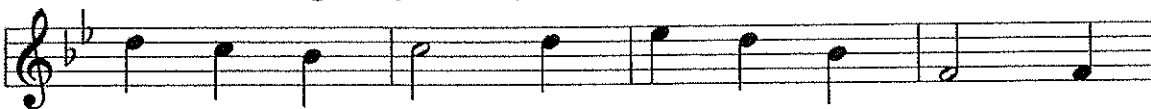
Together We Serve



1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love, in -
2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope, a
3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, the
4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work, re -



vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast. We
lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We
bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care. We
mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong. To -



work and we pray through sor - row and joy, ex -
learn, year by year, to let love shine through un -
of - fer a home to those who will come, our
geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, re -



tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to * dare.
mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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The bulletins are presented in memory of Edward Kiessling (Elaine's father) by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

Thank you to Jubilation for participating in the 8:00 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: Barry & Sandy King; John & Connie Wolfe

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Wagaman Family

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Jim Shiffer

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Erin & Jason Shiffer

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

¹The Call to Worship was written by the Rev. Michelle Torigian.

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John 10:10

Ruth Duck, 1984; rev. 1989

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it, she wanted to "emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation."

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
 Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels
 for the Sunday School, New York, 1869

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla-avor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1986