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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Pursue the Good: Give Grace

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: O God, you are righteous

P: Transform us by your Word!

L: Your judgments are upright

P: Transform us by your Word!

L: Your precepts are unforgettable

P: Transform us by your Word!

L: Give us understanding and we will live

P: Re-form us, reconcile us, transform us by your Word!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION¹

L: O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire.

P: We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph. We desire to be your children. We desire to Pursue the Good in you and we claim these blessings in your name.

Amen.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (BH, v. 2 & refrain, see p. 4) *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) **SUNDAY SONGS**

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

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

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15

Luke 5: 17-26

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 391 (BH, see p. 5)

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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.

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***HYMN NO. 393** (BH, see p. 6)

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festal March

by Handel

Thank you to John Kollasch, Joe Vacante, Jim Firestone, John Schriver, & Jack Herlocker for serving on the tech teams. Thank you to Debbie Butcher for reading Scripture this morning. Thank you to Brenda Beyer, Debbie Butcher, & Braden Bicher for serving on the praise team. Thank you to Terry & Deb Barnes, Brigitte Bradnick, Barb Stebbins, and John & Connie Wolfe serving on the welcome teams.

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<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-9.html> and accessed on 2/14/2022

²The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/> and accessed on Re:Worship Blog <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/01/prayer-of-confession-walking-with-god.html> on February 14, 2022.

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God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, Joseph M. Martin

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Piano 

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

4 

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us,
your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

7 

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

11 

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
make our brok - en spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano 

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8 

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain* 

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22 

dew - drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

29 

Je - sus the light of the world.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian Rush, 1985

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$




1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

4



chang - ing ways, Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their
and de - spair, Who will lift the ol - ive bran - ches? Who will light the
- seek - ing schemes, Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion
old and young, Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song
- draw in pain, May your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the

8 *Refrain*



sep - arate ways? God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
flame of care?
wid - er dreams.
to be sung.
church a - gain.

12



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, We your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

16



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er more.

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett

John G. Nägeli

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♩ = 80
Piano

1. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our God that we come and pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's
4. When we are called to part it gives us

6

Chris - tian love; The shar - ing of a com - mon
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each oth - er
in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in

11

life is like to forts that a - bove.
one, our a com - sym - to and our cares.
flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
heart, and hope to meet a - gain.