

*Order of Worship*  
*Sixth Sunday of Epiphany*  
9:30 am – February 12, 2023

***Participating Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*  
Kyle Hanks, organ

Albin C. Whitworth

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**GREETING**

**SCOUT SUNDAY RESPONSIVE READING (insert)**

Keith Marlett

**HYMN**

*O For a Heart to Praise My God*

UMH 417

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1. O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free,  
a heart that always feels thy blood so freely shed for me.
2. A heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne,  
where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone.
3. A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part from Christ who dwells within.
4. A heart in every thought renewed and full of love divine,  
perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of thine.
5. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart, thy new, best name of Love.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Keith Marlett, Liturgist

**Loving God, shine into our worship today. Bind us together with your love, and inspire us with your life-giving presence. Empower us to say “Yes!” to life, even as we say “No” to the choices that wear us down. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**

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**HYMN**

*Draw the Circle Wide*

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**Refrain:** Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still,  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone standing side by side.  
Draw the circle wide.

1. God the still point of the circle round whom all creation turns  
Nothing lost, but held together in God's gracious arms. **(refrain)**
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **(refrain)**

3. Let the dream we dreamed be larger than we ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **(refrain)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

**CHORAL OFFERING**

*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

arr. Mark Hayes

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson—Director; Kyle Hanks—Pianist

**SCRIPTURE**

*Matthew 5: 21-37 (CEB)*

Keith Marlett, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Open Your Eyes*

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Open our eyes, Lord, we want to Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Text VenturaUMC to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)

**Evidence of your love is all around us — but we are often blind to it. Most of us spend more time ignoring you than doubting you. By placing money in the offering this day, we declare our trust in your goodness. Our giving is a way we announce to ourselves and to the world that ultimate importance is not in our scheming, but in your purposes. Receive these gifts as our way of applauding your power and love. Amen.**

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**HYMN**

*Jesus, We Look to Thee vs. 1-5*

UMH 562

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1. Jesus, Lord, we look to thee; let us in thy name agree;  
show thyself the Prince of Peace, bid our strife forever cease.
2. By thy reconciling love every stumbling block remove;  
each to each unite, endear; come, and spread thy banner here.
3. Make us of one heart and mind, gentle, courteous, and kind,  
lowly, meek, in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.
4. Let us for each other care, each the other's burdens bear;  
to thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.
5. Free from anger and from pride, let us thus in God abide;  
all the depths of love express, all the heights of holiness.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Festive Postlude in G  
Kyle Hanks, organ

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*Prayer Requests*

Northridge UMC—Pastor Doug Dixon & Pastor Ralph Kwon

Moorpark UMC—Pastor Xavier Torres

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

Turkey & Syria

New Year's

*Resolutions*

Learn a new skill in 2023!

Calligraphy - 2/15 @ 6

Chair Yoga - 2/22 @ 11 & 5

Sewing - Date and time TBD

Polymer clay art - Date and time TBD

Sign up in the narthex or online!

### Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
    Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
    Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
    I'm leaning on my Jesus' arms, he'll keep me safe from ev'ry harm,  
        Safe and secure from all alarms;  
    He is my Rock, my Hope, my Stay, he is my comfort day to day,  
        I'm leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms of God?  
I have such blessed peace with Jesus, my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
    Talkin' 'bout Jesus, talkin' 'bout my sweet Savior.  
    Jesus keeps me happy and safe from all alarms.  
    Talkin' 'bout Jesus, talkin' 'bout the Rock of Ages, forever  
        Leaning on the everlasting arms.

I'm leaning on Jesus, the arms of Jesus, the arms of my sweet Savior.  
    Yes, I am leaning on the everlasting arms!