

January 2, 2022 Worship
Second Sunday of Christmas

Welcome

Songs: *Better is One Day; He Knows My Name*

Call to Worship:

L: We waited.

C: And imagined a savior.

L: We imagined power.

C: One like the world but stronger and on our side.

L: We imagined a king on a white horse wielding a sword.

C: We got a baby born in a stable among the livestock.

L: We imagined the work done for us through the destruction of our enemies.

C: Instead, we receive a baby who will teach us our calling to follow the Christ child as we reach out to others.

L: As we follow the light of Christ, we worship now in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

Songs: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone); In Christ Alone*

Scripture Reading: John 1:35-51

Children's Message

Message: *Sermon*

Songs: *Surrender*

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

You have shown us the way that you would have us go, good teacher. The way of compassion, peace, and generosity. Bless these gifts to your highest purpose and vision for our world. Amen.

Confession

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another...

P: Most merciful God,

A: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

A: Amen

Communion

The bread and the cup are here, now ready. Come and see! Your Lord is present and bids you join him at the feast. Come and see! Your

brothers and sisters are at your side—you are not alone. Come and see! For all has been prepared for the strengthening and nourishment of disciples.

Song: *Fill Me Now*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you,

May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

A: Amen!

Song: *How Can I Keep From Singing*

Dismissal

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

A few questions to consider throughout the week ...

- Where have you seen or experienced God at work this past week?
- Did you take a picture or make a note about seeing or experiencing God at work?
- In what way can you “Bring Christ's Love to Life” this week?
- Who do you know that could use some 'Good News'?