

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 13, 2022**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” – J. S. Bach

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

*You may either stand or kneel.*

P: Holy and loving God,  
 here, in public worship, we confess  
 our sins We fall short of your  
 intentions for us.

**C: We find it hard to believe your good news  
 is for us. We fail to care for all the gifts  
 you give us—our time, our talent, and  
 our possessions. We fall short of your  
 intentions for us.**

P: We fail to truly see our neighbors.  
 We look past the stranger.

**C: We find it convenient to be self-righteous  
 when it comes to politics and ethics.**

P: Forgive us Lord God! Help us to do  
 better—to be better. We ask through  
 Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, the  
 One who emptied himself just to be  
 with us and save us.

**C: Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

P: Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died—so now--in Jesus Christ--all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: "Praise the Almighty!"



1 Praise the Al - might - y! Lord, I a - dore you!  
 2 Trust not in ru - lers; they are but mor - tal;  
 3 Lord, you give jus - tice in all op - pres - sion,  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly,



Yes, I will laud you un - til death;  
 earth - born they are and soon de - cay.  
 main - tain the right, set pris - 'ners free.  
 the Lord who does such won - drous things!



with songs and an - thems I come be - fore you  
 Vain are their coun - sels at life's last por - tal,  
 You feed the hun - gry in your com - pas - sion;  
 All that has be - ing, to praise God sole - ly,



as long as you al - low me breath. From you my life  
 when the cold grave en - gulfed its prey. Since mor - tals can  
 heal - ing and life flow from your tree. Hap - py are all  
 with hap - py heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God,



and all things came; all the day long I bless your name.  
 no help af - ford, place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 who hope in God, whose grace is rich and deep and broad!  
 with saints at rest, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723; tr. hymnal version

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE, *Neuvermehrtes Christlich Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



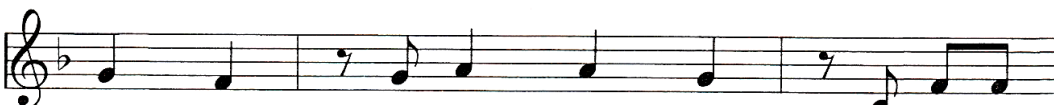
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



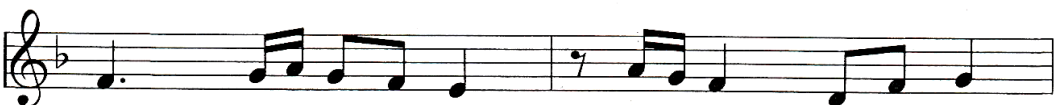
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray

**O Lord, we are blessed when we know we belong to you and have our roots in your presence. We praise you for this blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Awaken those who do not yet know your presence. Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**

*See back of bulletin*

*After the reading of the Gospel:*


P. The Gospel of the Lord”

**C. Praise to you O Christ.**


**SERMON: “Jesus Reduced Me to Love”**

**Pastor Larry Isbell**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"




1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?




What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.




Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.




all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" - David Haas**

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.*

*In God's house there are many places for you alone to dwell in safety.  
You know the way to where I'll lead you, if you are lost, I will show the way.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.*

*I am the way, the truth and the life, only through me can you know what I know.  
If you knew me, you will see the vision, if you see me, you see your God.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.*

*The words I speak are not only of myself, it is your God who lives within me.  
If you believe that your God and I are one, I will provide when you call my name.*

*Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you, then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")*

P. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERING****COMMUNION LITURGY**

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE 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 and ever. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.*

*As you approach the altar rail, please keep a good space between yourself and others. The floor is marked where you may stand or kneel.*

**☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**  
**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the**  
**world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**  
**sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

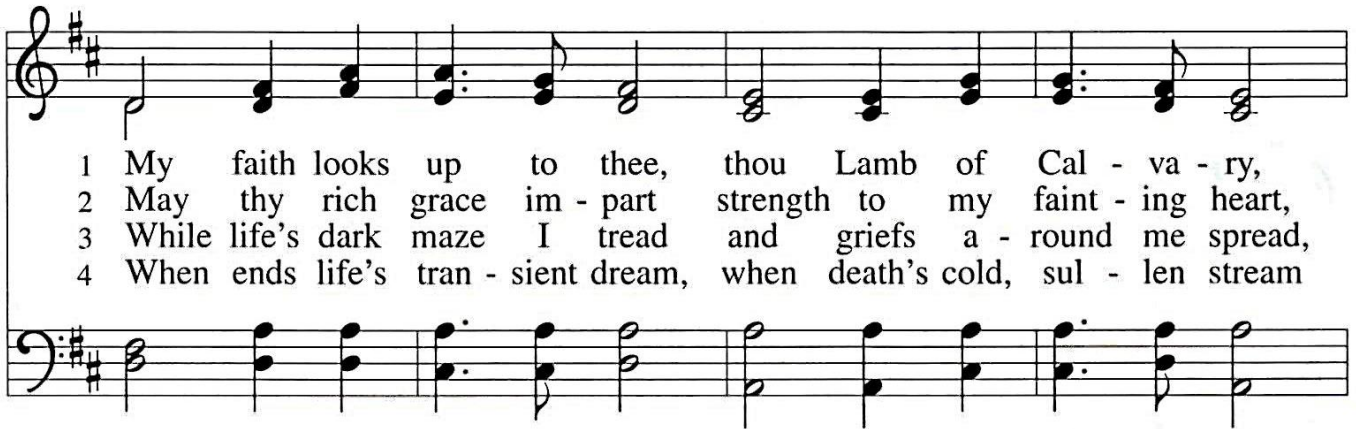
**BENEDICTION:**

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

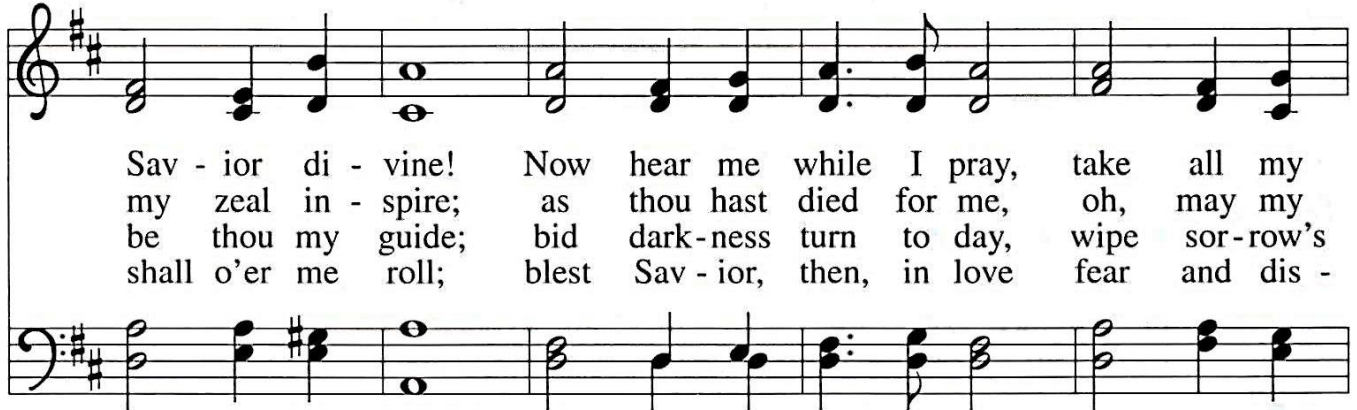
**C. Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887  
 Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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**DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
 C. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** "Fugue in C – J. Pachelbel

Today's altar flowers are given by Lucie & Bob Stricker to the glory of God  
 and thanks to our FLC church family and prayer warriors.