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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

CHORAL INTROIT Love Came Down At Christmas Words by Christina Rosetti (1830-1894)/ Music by Carson Cooman (1982-)

> Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, love divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine. Love to God and to all the world, Love for plea and gift and sign.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Eternal God,

source of all wisdom, we praise you.

Open the eyes of our hearts,

so that we may see your truth.

Risen Christ,

you whose word rings true, we greet you.

Open our ears,

so that we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit,

you whose light shines in us,

and guides our way, we thank you.

Open our hearts,

and give us courage to seek your wisdom.

Come, Spirit of Life,

and transform us by your grace.

Alleluia!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *** Gentle God, we confess that we are afraid to look honestly at ourselves. Help us by your grace to see ourselves as you see us. We place ourselves in your light, in your mercy. Heal us, forgive us, bless us, and set us free, in the name and the spirit of the crucified and risen Christ. Amen. *WORDS OF ASSURANCE ***

God has loved us, and God has called us. Forgiving and redeeming, God awakens us to the Holy Spirit, gives us courage, and empowers us with grace to follow God, for the sake of the healing of the world. **Thanks be to God!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

(Pg. 929) **

ANTHEM Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester Arr. Malcom Archer

Thanks be to thee,

our Lord Jesus Christ,

for all the benefits which thou hast given us,

for all the pains and insults

which thou hast borne for us.

O most merciful redeemer,

friend and brother.

May we know thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly,

and follow thee more nearly.

Amen.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CRILDREN ARE PRESENT)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

The Summons 1. Will you come and fol low me If I but 2. Will you leave your - self be _ hind If I but 3. Will you let the blind - ed If but see Ι 4. Will you love the ʻyou' hide If Ι but you 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech oes true When you but 0 Will call your you where name? go name? Will call for your you care Will the call name? your you set call name? Will the your you quell call name. Let me turn and my you don't know be the same? And nev er and kind be the same? cruel And nev er pris -'ners free And nev er be the same? fear in side And nev er be the same? fol low you And nev be the same. er Will you Will let my love be shown, you Will you Should your risk the hos - tile stare Will you the clean, kiss lep - er And do Will you the faith you've found То use re -Where your In your com pa ny I'll go -known, Will let my name be you let my life - tract scare? Will at or you let me such this And ad as un seen, mit to shape the world а _ round, Through my sight and love and foot show. Thus I'll move and steps life In in me? be grown you and you me? an swer prayer In you and you in me? what Ι mean In you and you in

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GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1: 43-51

(Pg. 863) **

Please remain standing for the Gospel Lesson

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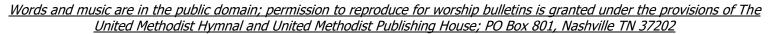
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For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us, For the word of God within us, **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI





SERMON Ho-Soon Han

"You Belong Here! - 2"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG



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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

"The Lord be with you " Leader:

"And also with you..." **People:**

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER SONG (As above)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Improvisation Kevin G. Lindsay

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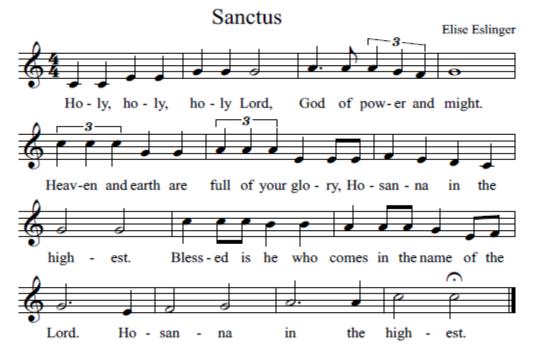
Offertory Prayer:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.... **And also with you.** Lift Up Your hearts..... **We lift them up to the Lord** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..... **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

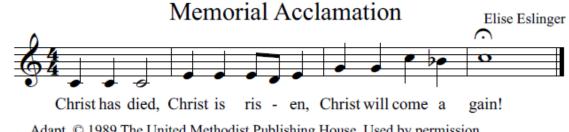
.... and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Great Thanksgiving, Setting A, UMH pp. 17-18



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..... in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.....



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..... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

Communion is Celebrated

At this time in your homes, please feel free to share the bread and the cup as you are able and know that we are still connected in the family of God.

Prayer Following Communion:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

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***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte



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*Benediction

VOLUNTARY

Festive Sortie Improvisation by Kevin G. Lindsay

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Looking Ahead

Readings for January 21, 2024 Third Sunday After the Epiphany Jonah 3:1-5, 10 / Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 / Mark 1:14-20

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