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# Welcome To Worship

February 13, 2021

9:30 a.m.

*The Good News*



*Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**  
*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Preparing to Worship...



***“The Good News”***

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✧ **Welcome and community news**

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***  
***Surely God is in this place,***  
***Holy Ground!***

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

**~The Joy of Passing the Peace~**

✧ **Opening Special Music Video**

[Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God](#)

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme**

Our theme throughout these weeks leading into the Lenten season is “The Good News!” The word, “gospel” comes from the Anglo-Saxon term, *god-spell*, meaning “good story,” which in both Greek and Latin are often translated as “good telling” or “good news.” The good news points to the nearness of God's kingdom.

I chose the *Good News* theme because the New Testament readings in the lectionary are highlighting Luke's Gospel, Luke's **Good News**, which is uniquely inclusive, involving all people. In Luke, the good news is for the outcast and the establishment, for the religious and those searching. Luke speaks to all people - to the strong and healthy, to the weak and dispossessed - inspiring faith, spirituality, and action.

Richard Rohr points out, "For Luke, while the ultimate meaning of the good news is still the nearness of God's kingdom, he says it differently. He speaks not of God's kingdom but of God's justice, and he especially emphasizes the privileged position of the poor. Luke's Gospel is sometimes called the 'Gospel of the poor' or the 'Gospel of mercy.' [Luke] stresses the freedom and liberation which come from living simply and humbly, in right relationship with others, under the reign of God."

We are exploring the Gospel of Luke and delving into the Old Testament readings, which together, reveal wisdom and inform one another when put into conversation with one another. For much of the time, the Gospel will be considered alongside words from the Prophets, Jeremiah and Isaiah. This week we will hear again from Jeremiah.



In this "Ordinary Time" leading up to the Lenten Season, let us worship in the spirit of Epiphany - attentive to how the Divine is manifesting in our lives and aware that we work hand in hand with the Holy One to live the "good news."

Let us again consider the questions that we've been reflecting on throughout this theme: What might the Good News look like in your life? How might you recognize it beyond your own experience? In such challenging times, how do we honor the range of emotions and realities we are living and witnessing while opening our hearts to the possibility of liberation from such brokenness?



✧ **Gathering Special Music Video**

[How Can I Keep From Singing - Audrey Assad](#)

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

**All: God of grace, reveal to us the good news in our lives and equip us to be the good news for others. Help us awaken to your presence and remain mindful of the boundless love and grace you pour over us. May we root into your abundance and find refreshment.**

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

**Poem:** *The Bell and the Blackbird* ~ David Whyte

The sound  
of a bell  
still reverberating,

or a blackbird  
calling  
from a corner  
of the  
field.

Asking you  
to wake  
into this life  
or inviting you  
deeper  
to one that waits.

Either way  
takes courage,  
either way wants you  
to be nothing  
but that self that  
is no self at all,  
wants you to walk  
to the place  
where you find  
you already know  
how to give  
every last thing  
away.

The approach  
that is also  
the meeting  
itself,  
without any  
meeting  
at all.

That radiance  
you have always  
carried with you  
as you walk  
both alone  
and completely  
accompanied  
in friendship  
by every corner  
of the world  
crying  
*Allelujah.*



Enter the holy hush and sit with the One who waits for you. Settle into the radiance of your center and gently turn your attention inward. Awaken to yourself and to your life. Listen for what the Divine is unfurling within you.

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teachings**

Jeremiah 17:5-10

✧ **Reflection Questions**

When you search your heart, are you experiencing wilderness or are you finding sustenance by the stream? What might help you turn your heart toward the Divine? In what ways are you feeling parched and how might you plant yourself near the water?

Luke 6:17-26

✧ **Reflection Questions**

The good news is that our fulfillment of what Jesus is calling us into is made possible through the gift of grace given by the Spirit. How might you open yourself to such grace? How do you live into discipleship? What would it look like to love as Jesus calls us to love?

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: **Thanks be to our God.**

✧ **Message**

***“The Good News: Love in a World Turned Upside Down”***

Rev. Trish Eckert



✧ **Special Music Video**

[Rising Appalachia - Find Your Way \(Official Music Video\)](#)

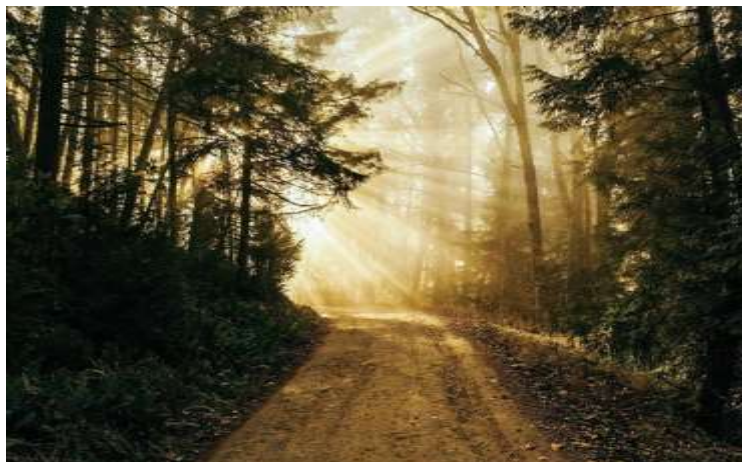
✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention...Our Prayer**

**All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

✧ **A Moment of Quiet for Everyone**

✧ **Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**



✧ **Benediction – Becoming a Living Blessing**

*What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving?*

✧ **Our Response...*Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.***



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