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Order of Worship

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

*Where you see an asterisk (\*), please rise in body or spirit.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “My Lord! What a Morning” — Raymond H. Haan**

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord has made.

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**PRELUDE — Prelude on “Abbott’s Leigh” (“God Is Here!”) — Carl D. N. Klein**

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Wherever Jesus is,

**People:** There we meet God.

**Leader:** Wherever the Body of Christ is,

**People:** There we meet God.

**Leader:** With or without the trappings and traditions,

**People:** Wherever two or three are gathered, we can meet God.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**\*OPENING HYMN #409 — “God Is Here!” (8:30 vv. 1 and 4)**

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, we confess that we do not love every story about you. Your zeal knocks us off balance. Your teachings make us uncomfortable when we let them really sink in, for your ways are not the ways of this world. Forgive us for not taking you seriously when you show us how to live, how to be in community, how to worship, and how to use our resources. Help us make your priorities our priorities, O Lord, not just in the distant future, but right here, right now. In the name of the Word who turns everything upside down, we pray . . .

## **SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA — #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC — “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” — Lani Smith**

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## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 127:1-2 — pg. 573 in OT**

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 2:13-25 — pg. 93 in NT**

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **MESSAGE**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed; pg. 35 in the *Glory to God* hymnal)**

## **\*HYMN #756 — “O God of Every Nation” (10:30 only)**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING

**Offertory (8:30) — “O God of Every Nation”** — Trad. Welsh Folk Melody

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**(10:30) — “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”**

— Phoebe Palmer/arr. William Cutter

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**\*Doxology — #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE**

**\*SENDING HYMN #352 — “My Lord! What a Morning!”**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION — “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”** — Tomer

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**POSTLUDE — “Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho”** — Fela Sowande

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