

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)**

L: Like trees planted by streams of water

**P: Let us trust in the Lord**

L: and meditate on God’s Word

**P: so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.**

**Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

**HYMN OF THE MONTH (See Insert) “COME, COME! EVERYBODY WORSHIP” (vs. 3,4,5)**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who knows us and saves us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world’s latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Jeremiah 17:8)**

Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**“GLORIA”**

¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! Al Dios Creador.

¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! Al Dios de amor.

¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! Al Dios Creador.

¡Gloria a Jesu cristo! Dios Redentor.

¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! Al Dios Creador.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

The Lord tests the mind and searches the heart. In this moment of proclamation, O God, may our hearts and minds be receptive to you and your way. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**JEREMIAH 17:5-10**

The Lord proclaims: Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the Lord. They will be like a desert shrub that doesn’t know when relief comes. They will live in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren land where no one survives. Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord. They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won’t fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green. They won’t be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit. The most cunning heart— it’s beyond help. Who can figure it out? I, the Lord, probe the heart and discern hidden motives, to give everyone what they deserve, the consequences of their deeds.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**LUKE 6:17-26**

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone. Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said: “Happy are you who are poor, because God’s kingdom is yours. Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Happy are you who weep now,

because you will laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets. But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort. How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry. How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep. How terrible for you when all speak well of you. Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**“EXTREME POPULARITY”**

**Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

**HYMN GTG #172**

**“BLEST ARE THEY” (vs.1,4,5)**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

God has led us to prosperity. Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given.

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**“YOU ARE MINE”**

**OFFERTORY**

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,

Be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See backpage)**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN (See Insert)**

**“TOGETHER WE SERVE”**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

God is Good! **All the time! All the Time! God is Good!**

Plant yourselves by the streams of God’s living water so you can prosper and bear good fruit. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

**THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusted God, in our parched landscape we thirst for hope amidst conflict and change. It's difficult to send our roots into streams of your living water. We are distracted and overwhelmed, flitting from one undone task, one fraught decision, one fresh worry to the next. We are like the deer panting for water; our souls long for you. Be our divining rod, O God, leading us to the spiritual streams of support you so graciously provide.

Fount of Life, in your perfect world no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness. Be with those who live amid war and violence. Bless those whose borders are violated by powerful enemy military. Gather all your people under the banner of peace, so we might come to know each other and love each other as we have been called. May our addiction to violence be cured and our wounds healed with your balm of truth, justice and peace.

She who Provides, ground those who are helpless and spinning. Renew those who are weary and overwhelmed. Heal those who are suffering and sick. Love and comfort those who are grieving. Gather us together, Nurturing One, so we can learn to be tender and merciful with one another and with ourselves.

United as the Body of Christ, we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together... **"Our Father..."**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**



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and where the strength of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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## **EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024**

**In person hybrid worship** is at 11AM in the Sanctuary

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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**Hybrid English Bible Study** will be Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall or feel free to join us through zoom.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

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**Spanish Bible Study** will be on Wednesdays

**The next Session Meeting** will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

**The next Worship Team Meeting** will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be today following worship

**We will be hosting the Emergency Shelter Program again** from February 17<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign up to bring food or give a monetary donation please see Pastor Jeniffer.

**Drumming for the Soul** will be February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall

**Coffee Hour** following worship today.

**Please Share your tithes and offerings** using the QR code below



### **Prayers and Praise**

Please prayer for our Nation

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Pleaser pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

## **PRAISE SONGS AND HYMNS**

### **COME! COME! EVERYBODY WORSHIP**

*Refrain:*

*Come! Come! Everybody Worship with a prayer or song of praise!  
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!*

Worship and remember your blessings great and small.  
Give to God an offering; show your thanks for all! *(Refrain)*

Worship and remember how Jesus long ago  
Taught us how to talk to God; something we should know! *(Refrain)*

Worship and remember that God is like a light;  
Showing you the way to go; ever burning bright! *(Refrain)*

### **BLEST ARE THEY**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
the glory of God is theirs. *(Refrain)*

Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see. *(Refrain)*

### **TOGETHER WE SERVE**

Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.