



**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2015**

Meditation before Worship

On Discipleship:

The ultimate measure of a person
is not where one stands in moments
of comfort and convenience,
but where one stands at times of challenge and controversy.

-Martin Luther King, Jr

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Gathering the Community

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Melrose

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: HYMN #322 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Edwards

One: We come to see the Messiah with longing in our hearts.

Many: **We come to see the Messiah with hope in our song.**

One: We come to see the Messiah who reconciles all peoples.

Many: **We come and discover we cannot help but shout: "Praise be to you, our Christ and our Creator."**

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 285 (PH)

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tom Edwards

Most loving God, we confess to you and to each other, that we have not treated our own lives with the honor worthy of your temples.

**We have harbored the spirits of—
greed and self-importance,
discord and belligerence,
pride and contempt,
self-righteousness and rumor-mongering,
lust and indolence,
discontent and envy,
ingratitude, anxiety and cynicism.**

Please search us and know us this day. By your Spirit, arrest and eject everything alien to your eyes. Unclutter our inner space and take possession of everything, from the traffic of surface ideas to the depths where feelings swirl in dark places. Make us yours, that we may be more truly our own. Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 574

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

THE ASSURANCE

Dr. Sue Melrose

RESPONSE IN SONG # 579

"Glory Be to the Father"

*SHARING THE PEACE

Tom Edwards

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 3: 1-10
(p.236 in pew Bibles)

Tom Edwards

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Sue Melrose

ANTHEM

"Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child"
Edward Kingins, tenor
Christopher Kingins, piano

-arr. Moses Hogan

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Psalm 139: 1-18
(pp. 545-46 in pew Bibles)

Dr. Melrose

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"When God Calls"

Dr. Melrose

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Melrose

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

*HYMN # 404 (PH)

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Melrose

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE – HYMN # 587 *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* (v. 1)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tom Edwards

*HYMN # 354 (PH)

"Guide My Feet"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Melrose

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 587

"Amen"

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please sit quietly enjoying the postlude as part of your worship experience)

Ray Staroscik
Organist

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*You are invited to rise in body or spirit at your discretion

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- Large Print Hymnals
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- Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

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- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
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Prayer List for the month of January 2015

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Bobbie Edwards/family, FSPC, Hertha Gast, Rose Grosscup, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dr. Sharon Mook family, Dan Muench, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Joan Szwed family, Cathy Topping.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, Capt. Katy Spicer Hess, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

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