

February 16 bulletin 2020

**Call to worship:**

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.**

**Procession of Christ Candle**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love.**

**Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land**

**you have prepared for us.**

**Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share.**

**May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Opening Hymn**

## **Spoiler Alert:**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Loving God, you call us to walk in your ways, observe your commandments, and love you as you have loved us. You offer us a community of abundant blessing, with rich soil to promote dynamic growth.**

**Yet we often turn away from you to satisfy our own wants and desires. We forsake the way of love and forgiveness, giving in to petty jealousies and quarreling, and surrendering our lofty ideals to our baser inclinations.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**When we flee from your embrace, draw us into community with you and with one another. Shower us with the cleansing waters of humility, that we may reclaim our purpose and find nourishment and growth in labors of love to bring your kingdom in our midst.**

### **Words of Assurance**

God is alive and at work nurturing our growth, nourishing our needs, and reconciling us to one another. God hears the confessions of our hearts and forgives generously, sharing love with all who follow in God's ways. It is through God's amazing grace that we are forgiven.

And all God's children respond:

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

### **Anthem**

**Gospel** Matthew 5:21-37

**Sermon** “The eyes have it”

**Hymn**

**Minute for mission**

**Life and work**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**Dedication**

**A new creed**

**Closing hymn**

**Commissioning/benediction**

As we journey out into the world, may each of us walk in the light of God’s ways, striving to be blameless and just.

**May our hearts be vessels of God’s love and may the Lord bless us in the land that we are entering.**

Hold fast. Do not be led astray and may the love of God be yours this day and forevermore. Go now in peace.

**Amen.**

**Choral amen**

**Sending forth**

**Postlude**

*Resources for worship this week are from Ministry Matters TM and Worldinprayer.org*