



Seventh & James Baptist Church
January 15, 2023 · 11:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Many: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

One: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Many: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

One: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

All: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Daniel Farris

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 49:1-7* Scott Turner

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 1:1-9* Sean Sutcliffe

Hymn, No. 152 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Gospel Reading *John 1:29-42* Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God's People Matt Rosencrans

Offertory "Lead, Kindly Light" (LUX BENIGNA)
Dale Wood

Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.

Doxology, No. 707

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon.
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

Confession

Erin Conaway

One: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you...

Many: in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

One: We have not loved you with our whole heart;

Many: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

One: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

Many: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

One: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: Strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

— *The Book of Common Prayer*

Anthem

“Who Is the Lamb?”

Lloyd Larson

Who is the Lamb who sleeps in stable warm?

Who is the Lamb, secure in Mary's arm?

Who is the Lamb whom heav'nly angels charm?

Who is the Lamb?

Who is the Lamb who preaches in the field?

Who is the Lamb, the blind and sick to heal?

Who is the Lamb for us His life to yield?

Who is the Lamb?

The Promised One, the sinless son, His death is our salvation won.

Who is the Lamb who comes down heaven's path?

Who is the Lamb? A cross is on His back!

Who is the Lamb who groans and breathes His last?

Who is the Lamb?

The Promised One, the sinless son, His death is our salvation won.

Behold the Lamb of God! The Lamb who takes away the sins of the world!

Who is the Lamb for us His life to yield?

Behold the Lamb of God!

Sermon

“Too Light a Thing...”
(Isaiah 49:1-7)

Erin Conaway

Communion

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Silent Reflection

The purpose of the church, and of the sacraments, is to give the world a glimpse of the kingdom, to point in its direction. When we put a kingdom-spin on ordinary things—water, wine, leadership, marriage, friendship, feasting, sickness, forgiveness—we see that they can be holy, they can point us to something greater than ourselves, a fantastic mystery that brings meaning to everything.

— Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday*, p. 255

Hymn of Commitment, No. 154

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Response

“Will You Come and Follow Me” John Bell and Graham Maule

Postlude

“Hymn to Joy”

Albert L. Travis

Today at Seventh

On Communion Sundays, the Benevolence offering is received at the doors to help our neighbors in need.

Our Pianist today is Jim Williams.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in loving memory of Jean Ryther.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.

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