#### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" Donald Busarow

Invocation

\*Hymn: #53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life" (see download)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Response**: Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (p.#698)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Albin Whitworth

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #28 "You Are Before Me, Lord" (to the tune of #836)

- 1. You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand; such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.
- 2. Then from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go; and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly? If I ascend to heaven you are there, and still are with me if in hell I lie.
- 3. If I should take my flight into the dawn, if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore, your mighty hand will rest upon me still, and your right hand will guard me evermore.

- 4. If I should say, "Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night," surely the darkness is not dark to you: the night is as the day, the darkness light.
- 5. Search me, O God; search me and know my heart; try me, O God; my mind and spirit try; keep me from any path that give you pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.

#### Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12

- O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- Where can I go from your spirit?
  Or where can I flee from your presence?
- If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
  If I make my bed in Shéol, you are there.
- If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- even there you hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
- even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Sermon: Astonishing Peace

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (see download)

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

"God the Omnipotent"

Robert Thygerson

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

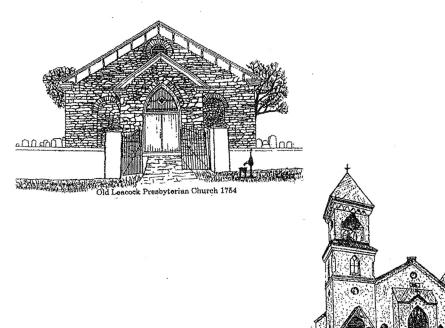
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## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Betty Sowers

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