

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

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
If I make my bed in Shéol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there you hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
12 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

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Doris and Lee Brown
Given by their children and grandchildren**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Betty Sowers**

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