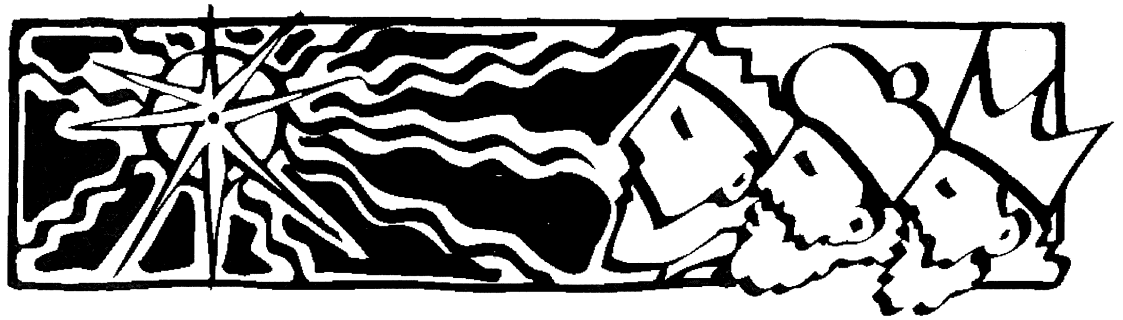


FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

February 12, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Sixth  
Sunday after  
the Epiphany



**PRELUDE**

Reflection on ST DENIO

K. Beaumont

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INTROIT**

Sing a New Song

D. Schutte

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#48 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.  
MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

ST. DENIO  
11.11.11.11.

G C Am D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

G C Am D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G Em  $\frac{G}{B}$  D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D Em  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## **\*INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Too often have we sought you God,  
with intention but without action.  
Rarely have we put our heart and mind  
and soul into our seeking.**

**Easily distracted are we.  
All the rest of the world you made,  
shines and delights, but you are hard to find.  
Small wonder then, that we wander and stray.**

**Unite our love of the world  
and its joys with our seeking of you.  
Release us from this split, this separateness,  
you who are unity.  
Engage with us through the world you made  
and through our hearts.  
Strengthen us that we may seek you and find you.**

**(Silence for personal confession and reflection)**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

R. Goodson

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Page 206, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers

(from *St. Paul*)

F. Mendelssohn

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**Many: Let us make these transactions together with God.**

One: Aleph - We will seek you and try to obey your decrees and you will not forsake us utterly.

**Many: Let us make these agreements together with God.**

One: Beth - We will set your word in our hearts and we will sin against you less.

**Many: Let us make these pacts together with God.**

One: Zayin - We will suffer, but you will preserve our lives.

**Many: Let us make these promises together with God.**

One: Yodh - You will afflict us in faithfulness and you will comfort us.

**Many: Let us make these commitments together with God.**

One: Taw - We will stray and you will seek us.

**ALL: Let us do these things together with God.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#248 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Chord symbols: Db, Gb/Db, Ab, Db/F, Gb, Db/F, Ebm7, Ab, Db, Bbm, Gb, Db/F, Fm

1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with

$\frac{Ebm}{Gb}$   $Ab7$   $Bbm$   $Gb$   $Db$   $\frac{Ab7}{Eb}$   $Fm$   $Fm7$   $Gb$   $Ab$   $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$   $Ab$

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

$Db$   $\frac{Gb}{Db}$   $Db$   $\frac{Ab}{C}$   $Ab$   $Bbm$   $Eb$   $Ab$   $Db$   $Fm$   $Gb$   $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$   $\frac{Db}{F}$   $Gb$

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

$Db$   $Ab$   $Bbm$   $\frac{Ab}{C}$   $Db$   $sus$   $Db$   $\frac{Ab}{C}$   $Bbm$   $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$   $Ab$   $Ebm$   $\frac{Ab}{Gb}$

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

$\frac{Db}{F}$   $Fm$   $\frac{Ebm}{Gb}$   $\frac{Bbm}{F}$   $Eb$   $Ab$   $Db$   $Bbm$   $\frac{Gb}{Bb}$   $Ab$   $Bbm$   $Gb$   $Ab7$   $Db$

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# CHILDREN'S BLESSING

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### HYMN OF MEDITATION

#61 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

B $\flat$   $\frac{F7sus}{C}$   $\frac{F7}{C}$   $\frac{F7}{A}$  F7 B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$  E $\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{D}$   $\frac{F7}{C}$  B $\flat$  G7 C C7 F

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;  
4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his word,

F7 B $\flat$   $\frac{F7}{A}$  F7 B $\flat$  Gm  $\frac{E\flat m}{G\flat}$   $\frac{B\flat}{F}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Gm E $\flat$  Fsus F F7 B $\flat$

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.  
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)  
MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée (1858-1913)

WELLESLEY  
8.7.8.7.

## SECOND READING

Psalm 119:1-16

Pages 626-627, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Dawn Stiles

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

F. Mendelssohn

### \*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

M. Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

### \*Prayer of Gratitude

### \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#670 O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

Chords: Eb, Ab, Bb, Bb7/D, Eb, Cm, Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church, from her dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine,  
3 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

Chords: Eb, Cm, Bb/D, Fm, G, Cm, Eb/G, Ab, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old;

Bb    $\frac{Bb}{Ab}$     $\frac{C7}{G}$    Fm   Cm    $\frac{Fm}{C}$    Cm    $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$    F7   Bb

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
 teach us, your wan - dering pil - grims, by this our path to trace,

$\frac{Bb7}{D}$    Eb    $\frac{Eb}{Db}$     $\frac{Ab}{C}$    Bbm   Ab    $\frac{Eb}{G}$     $\frac{Ab}{C}$    Abmaj7 Bbsus Bb7   Eb

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, we see you face to face!

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)  
 MUSIC: *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

MUNICH  
 7.6.7.6.D.

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*Choral Benediction**

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*



## **POSTLUDE**

Introduction and Toccata in G Major [7 minutes]

W. Walond

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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