

Welcome

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! We hope that your spiritual life is deepened today.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the church hall following worship.

Nursery care and Sunday School up to age 12 is available in the parish hall. Children will rejoin their parents after the Peace.

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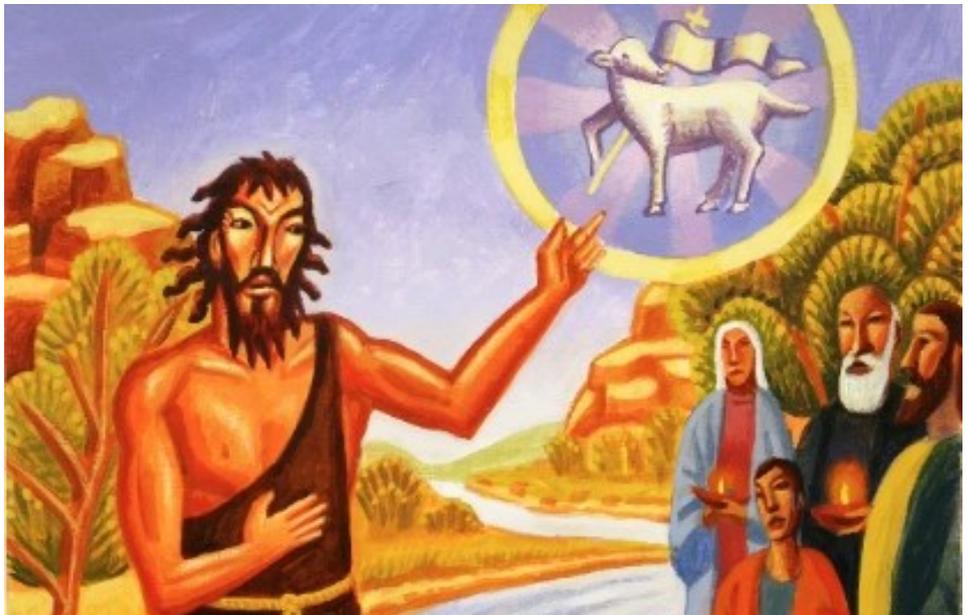
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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Feeding you, body, mind and soul

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:



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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Response: **And also with you.**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 40:1-12

I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"

I proclaimed righteousness
in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love
and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 490, v. 2 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

John 1:29-42

Response: **Glory (Praise) to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev Jason Wells

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. 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. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory

Hymn 800 (WLP) *Precious Lord, take my hand*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are filled
with your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

1. Lamb of God who take a way the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
2. Lamb of God who take a way the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
3. Lamb of God who take a way the sins of the world, grant us pea-ce.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Altar. If you come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion.

If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Rev. Jason Wells as soon as possible for scheduling.

Hymn 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Religion Day Panel The Greater Concord Interfaith Council invites you to reflect on Love, Elimination of Prejudice & Doing Good Deeds on Sunday, January 19, 3pm-5pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church (274 Pleasant St)



MLK Day of Service Tomorrow at 9am, come out to at Concordia Lutheran Church (215 North Main) and give of yourself for others. “Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve” Volunteers will sort clothing and food pantry donations for local service agencies.

Discover the Eucharist On Sunday, January 26 at 11am discover the Holy Eucharist, our main service of Sunday worship. For newcomers and long-time members, knowing the Eucharist better can deepen your experience of weekly worship. Bring your questions and an open mind!

This class follows on December’s well-received “Discover the Rosary” class.

Souper Bowl of Caring On Sunday, February 2, bring donations for our soup pot to collect money for this annual Friendly Kitchen appeal. Please make out checks to “Friendly Kitchen.”



Candle Blessing Sunday, February 2 is the celebration of the *Presentation of Christ in the Temple* (Luke 2:22-40). The day is also known as *Candlemas*. We set aside time that morning to bless candles as a sign of the increasing daylight around us.

Bring your candles to our 8am and 10am services! We will bless our altar candles for the year and invite you to participate too!

Youth Jam Session On Sunday, February 9 at noon! Our youth have musical talents—bring your musical instruments! We will have a jam session with whatever you bring (trumpet, violin, saxophone, voice). We will provide our piano. Justine and Jason will work to see what we can put together.

PRAYER NEEDS

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. John’s Church, Portsmouth

Requests

Ernest, Anna, Dan, Tom and Cathy.

Birthdays this Week

Brooke Wheeler, Wyatt Dodd and Matthew Hitchcock

TAKE-A-TOTE

Please shop for **packages of cheese-filled crackers**. Austin, Keebler and Ritz all sell wrapped cracker sandwiches in packages of 8. Any item pictured on the poster in the narthex is also welcomed.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs annually from January 18-25. Use this prayer in your devotions this week:

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples to be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen. (BCP, p. 255)