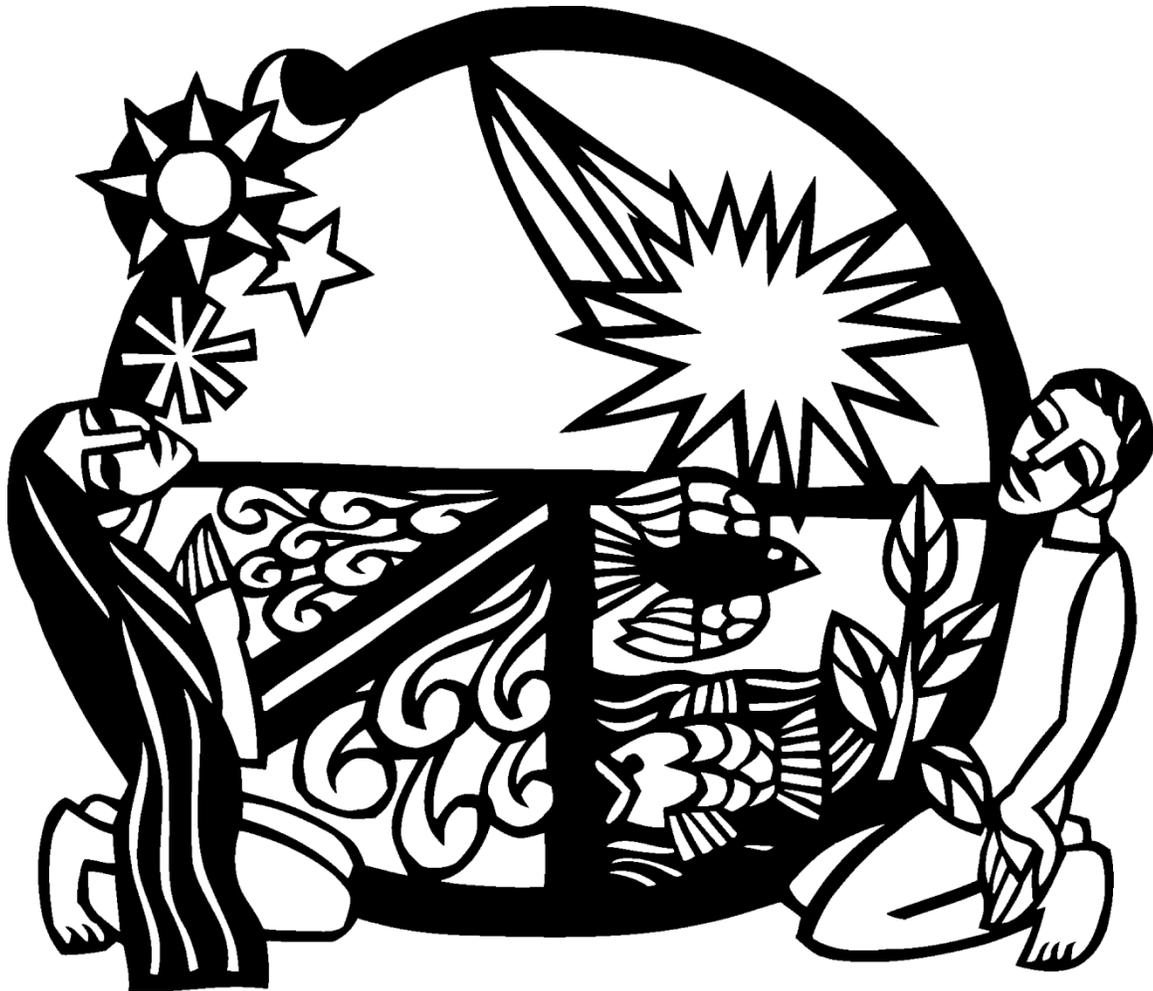




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Second Sunday After Epiphany



WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

Ina Davenport

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joyce Bauer

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Word made flesh,
our life and our salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.**

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace

and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

GATHERING Come, All You People #819 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.**

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together... **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb God named me.
God made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of God's hand he hid me;
God made me a polished arrow, in God's quiver he hid me away.
And God said to me,
 "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said,
 "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now God says, who formed me in the womb to be a servant,
 to bring Jacob back to God, and that Israel might be gathered to God,
 for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength –
God says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
 "Rulers shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

[The New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

I waited patiently for the Lord;
God inclined to me and heard my cry.

**God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;**

none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

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.”**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

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.

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

[New Revised Standard Version]

Second Reading: **I Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you

because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind –
just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you –
o that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revealing of our lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end,

so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful;

by God you were called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

[Children are dismissed to Sunday School.]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:29-42

The gospel passage for today is from the book of John, the 1st chapter, beginning with the 29th verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

This is he of whom I said,

‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’

I myself did not know him;

but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John testified,

“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him,

but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,

‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain
is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

And I myself have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,

“Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

“What are you looking for?”

They said to him,

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought, but not too much at one time. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods, especially those close to us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion, especially in the United States and Brazil. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need, especially,

- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Kathie Sperow - recovering from a mild heart attack
- Michon Kelly - that God opens her eyes to the right path
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - recovering from recent hospitalization
- Nick Larsen in the recent death of his wife Judith
- Ina Davenport - Health issues
- Sean Osterthaler - Recovering from surgery for broken ankle
- Aaron Brochtrup - Concussion from vehicle rollover after job related vehicle pursuit
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Pastor Brian - recovery from Bell's Palsy
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Jean Senter and family - death of her cousin Paul Weggenmann
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - in on-going home rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law - living in a nursing home

- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- facing oral surgery January 20
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Elaine Grawe - Headaches and housing
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them.
- For Nancy Koppl and Nikki Rocha who celebrate their birthdays this week

Ever-Present God, we also lift up others who are in need of our intercession. We pray for....

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
 Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together **Liberating God,
 you break the bonds of injustice
 and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

[spoken] **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Brian said these words over the communion elements:

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever.
Amen.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
**Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Light Dawns on a Weary World #726 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

REFRAIN

**The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

**Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.**

REFRAIN

Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.
REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ina Davenport

Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer** for presiding in worship.
- **Brenda Ouwerkerk** for preaching.
- **Cindy Haener** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will meet tonight on Zoom at 7:00 pm, to talk about Season 3, episode 4.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, January 18th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, January 16th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Stein-Webber house, 1302 17th St., Los Osos.
- Next Sunday we will begin to learn a **new liturgy**, with songs primarily written by Marty Haugen, a great musician of the church.
- There will be a **special congregational meeting** on Sunday, January 29th after worship to consider approving the expense of paying for **installing a new privacy fence on the parsonage property**. Such a meeting requires two-weeks' notice.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**