

**January 17, 2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**PRELUDES**

*O God, Thou Faithful God*  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Johann Gottfried Walther  
Robert M. Speed

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 56)**

L: Your love and faithfulness, O God, are higher than the heavens.

**P: Your righteousness and justice are deeper than the sea.**

L: You prepare a great feast for us from the abundance of your house.

**P: You invite us to drink deeply from the fountain of joy.**

**WELCOMING SONG #301**

*Let Us Build a House*

Two Oaks

(verse one)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hope and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome;  
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

(verse five)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome;  
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION (from I Timothy 1)**

“The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners.” Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world:

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you search us and know our hearts; you have made us in your image, yet we fail to reflect your glory. You have claimed us as your own, yet we so easily turn our backs on you. You have set us free to serve you, yet we live as captives to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your loving Spirit to wash away our wickedness, redeeming us as your beloved people and leading us in your everlasting ways.**

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5)**

“God’s love has been poured onto our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Beloved, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**SONG OF RESPONSE #447***We Are Forgiven*

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy Spirit, let your truth live in us, let your beauty shine in us, let your goodness grow in us, and let the Word nourish us in body, mind, and soul. AMEN.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**CHORAL ANTHEM***The Potter’s Hand*

Zschech &amp; Larson

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**SERMON***“Where It Begins”*

Rev. John Wahl

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD’S PRAYER****CALL TO OFFERING****OFFERTORY***The Star Proclaims the King is Here*

Johann Christoph Bach

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING SONG #765**      *May the God of Hope Go with Us*      Argentina

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*See Amid the Winter's Snow*

Dennis R. Johnson