

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THEME: God provides just enough so that we can share with those in need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “Red Book” 222 The Solid Rock

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.*

Refrain: (repeat after each verse)

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seem to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

OPENING BLESSING

WE CONFESS AND RECEIVE THE NEW SELF

P: We hear challenging words from Ephesians today as it says: “Work, doing something useful with your hands, so that you may have something to share with those in need”. Sharing does not come naturally for us. During this time of silence, we reflect upon the lost opportunities we have had to share.

Silence for Reflection

P: We confess.....

C: Lord we confess our sin, You have promised to provide for all of our needs, yet we mistrust Your promise. Today we need to recognize the sin within us, and ask that you would forgive us. Lord, in your mercy, help us to recognize that not only have You given enough what we need.....but also, that You have given us enough to share with others.

P: Our God is a great God, providing for all of our needs, giving us daily bread and supplies for every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. Our response to God’s love is now the focus of our lives—we share what we have with those in need. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ receive God’s love in the forgiveness of your sins—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE “Red Song Book” 225 Twice through I Love You, Lord

I love You, Lord
and I lift my voice
to worship You
o my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, My King, in what You hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound
in Your ear.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray.....

C: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING FROM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Israel is promised to be a light for all nations

*Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he 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 right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for 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 nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;*

*princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”*

[New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 1:1-9](#)

Paul assures the Corinthians and us that Jesus Christ will sustain us to the very end

*Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints
together with all those who in every place call upon 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 was given you in Christ
Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony
about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

[Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42](#)

John declares: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”.

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, 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 before me, because
he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he
might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and
it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He
on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have
seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”*

*The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he
walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed
Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to
him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.”
So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth
hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He
first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He
brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called
Cephas” (which means Peter).*

[CHILDREN'S MESSAGE](#)

[SERMON SONG “Green Book” 474](#)

[Children of the Heavenly Father](#)

*Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather,
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.*

*God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
From all evil things he spares them,*

In his mighty arms he bears them.

*Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

SERMON ["Sharing: A Way of Life"](#)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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.**

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

["Green Book" 345 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds](#)

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believers ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away all fear.*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.*

*Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.*

*By thee my prayers acceptance gain
Although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
And I am owned a child.*

*O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.*

*How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.*

*Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death!*

["Green Book" 369 The Church's One Foundation](#)

*The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,*

*Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How Long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.*

*Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.*

A CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 241 To God be the Glory

*To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

Refrain

*Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!