

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**THEME:** God transforms us from people who live for ourselves to people who live to love others.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING BLESSING

#### A WORD ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

*Psalm 118:24*

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### BEING REAL WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: It is exciting to think about the gifts and opportunities the Lord is presenting for us today. But before we can hear about the Lord's goodness, we need to be honest about ourselves by first confessing our sins. We now take a moment of reflection as we reflect upon how we have lived for ourselves and not for others.

*Silent Reflection*

P: We confess.....

**C: Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We recognize our sin but also claim your grace.....which gives us the power to live new lives for others.**

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth comes power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love to us.

#### SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 78 vs. 1 and 4

*How Great Thou Art*

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;*

*Refrain:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim "My God how great thou art!"*

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: We pray.....

**C: O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD**

**Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The Lord makes a covenant with Moses and His people*

*"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."*

**New Testament Reading: I Corinthians 3:1-9**

*As we work in God's Kingdom, we are reminded that God gives the growth*

*But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?*

*What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**      **Circle of Love**      **By Pepper Choplin**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

*Jesus came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it*

*“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.*

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.*

*“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

*“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (moved to end of service)

SERMON SONG “Green Book” 406 vs. 1-4 only Take My Life

*Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.*

SERMON “Getting the Instructions Right”

### 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 \(We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.\)](#)

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### PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### 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" 518

Beautiful Savior

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!*

"Red Book" 126

Let us Break Bread Together

*Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

Other Communion Music

**A CLOSING BLESSING**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**DISMISSAL**

**P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!**

**C: Thanks be to God!**