

# 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

🎵 **Organ Prelude** · Bobbi Hunter

*Prelude on Darrell's 148th ... Unfreid*

**Call to Worship** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: We gather to worship our God:

**People: not only with those whose hearts overflow with joy, but with those who long to offer their deepest sorrows.**

Leader: We gather to follow Jesus:

**People: not only with songs and prayers, but with lives of service and peace.**

Leader: We gather to be filled with the Spirit's presence:

**People: not only so we can wait patiently for the Bridegroom to come, but so we can be with those who are impatient for justice and hope in their lives.**

\* 🎵 **Hymn of Praise** · Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

No. 430

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Who are we to get in your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip them open, so folks can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with a Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you tear them down, so they can run wild in the kingdom.**

**Who are we to get in your way, Saving Power, especially in the way of your forgiveness offered to all! Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - even as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray to God to forgive the ways in which we have failed to live lives worthy of the kingdom, and rest in the knowledge that we have faith in a God of grace. May we truly repent and find new ways to live out our faith Amen.**


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## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Greetings and Announcements

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton

Luke 13:18-19 (pg. 1620)

#### Anthem · Chancel Choir

*He Loves You, My Friend ...* Don Wyrzten

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist  
(CCLI #20405356)

#### Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (pg. 1837)

#### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

##### **"Living Under Heaven"**

*5<sup>th</sup> in the Series "What Presbyterians Believe About the Church"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### The Apostles' Creed

#### Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

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- \* **♪ Hymn of Preparation · Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**  
No. 514

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*The Bread and Cup Shared*

*All are welcome to partake. You are invited to hold the bread until all have received it so we can take it together. Please take the cup when you receive it.*

## **Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer (sung)**

- \* **♪ Closing Hymn · The Summons**  
See insert
  - \* **Benediction**
  - \* **♪ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**  
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)
- ♪ Organ Postlude · Bobbi Hunter**  
*Trumpet Voluntary in D Major ... Purcell*