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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021

11:00 am

The Meditation

Jesus simply says:

“Do good to those who hurt you”.

“Bless those who curse you”

“Pray for those who abuse you”.

It's not easy. It demands a whole new perspective on life. It demands a new way of behaving.

It demands that we answer some very difficult questions about ourselves.

And as we learn to love our enemies,

may we be filled with God's Spirit to be a channel of God's love.

The Prelude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Innes

The Call to Worship

Rev. Matt Sapp

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

God is my shield, my salvation, my stronghold.

God shows me steadfast love moment by moment.

Worship the Lord, who is worthy of praise!

Proclaim this day: “I love you, O Lord, my strength!”

The Welcome

Rev. Sapp

The Special Music

Holy Ground with Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Larson

Mr. Ken Eggleston, tenor; Mr. David Phillips, bass

When I walked through the door I sensed His presence,

And I knew this was a place where love abounds;

For this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here,

And we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

In His presence there is joy beyond all measure,

and at his feet peace of mind can still be found.

If you have a need I know he has the answer.

Just reach out and claim it, for you are standing on holy ground...

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

The Children's Sermon
The Scripture

Rev. Katie Faison
Dr. Steve Cothran

Luke 6:27-36

...This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Today's scriptures can be found on the back of the worship folder)

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Anne Cronic

Dear Lord, we seek You, Your love and wisdom. We want to grow and respond more like the Lord Jesus in our attitudes and actions. We reach out to those we know, but often avoid the people who need You the most. We are willing to share our faith with our friends and neighbors, but shy away from others who need You the most. We proclaim our love for the world, but our actions or inaction often tell a different story. Be gracious to us and help us to make the right choices. Through Your indwelling Spirit, align our will with Yours so that Your love and mercy flows through us to others. We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying...

The Special Music

I Love You, Lord

arr. Larson

Mr. Eggleston and Mr. Phillips

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...

The Sermon

"A Christ-like Concern For All People"

Rev. Sapp

Exodus 20:12-21

The Prayer of Invitation

Rev. Sapp

The Benediction

Dr. Cothran

The Postlude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. Burkhardt

Special thanks to Mr. Lamar Wright for today's sanctuary arrangement.

Luke 6:27-36

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Exodus 20:12-21

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.