Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

\*HYMN #409

"God is Here" (vs.3&4)

Green, 1979

#### LORD'S PRAYER - UNISON

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### \*DOXOLOGY-OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

\*HYMN: #761

"CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE"

Huber, 1981

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. Amen.

\*CLOSING RESPONSE: #155 "RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS"

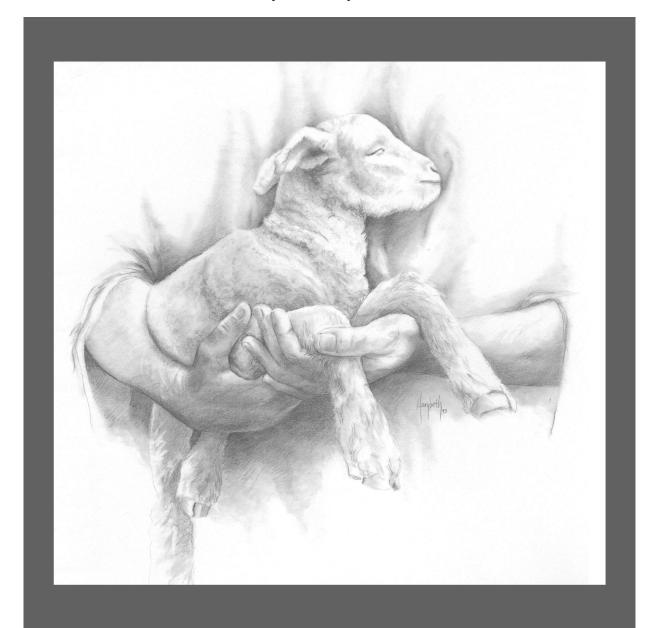
Taize, 1978

**POSTLUDE** 

Selected

## First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 19, 2020



Behold the Lamb of God!

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

# Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." — Dr. Martín Luther King, Jr.

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Transcendent God, open our eyes to the greatness of servanthood and the strength of grace. Amen

### Gathering

**PRELUDE** Selected

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT "BOUND FOR FREEDOM" Chancel Choir

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Jan Pennal

Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

We welcome the Anointed One, who makes us whole.

Look! God's Chosen One, who calls us each by name.

We greet the Messiah, who summons us to follow.

Come and see—the Lord is here.

Our hearts are made glad by God's grace! Praise the Lord!

\*HYMN #749 "Come! Live in the Light" Haas, 1988

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

**SILENT REFLECTION** (A time of silence for personal prayer)

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Baptizing God, by water and the Spirit you anoint disciples and witnesses, prophets and teachers, to make your reign known throughout the earth. But we deny your claim on our lives, and pretend we have no part in proclaiming the good news. You call us to testify to your grace. We fall silent. You call us to declare your truth. We shrink from speaking out. You call us to point others to Christ. We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit upon us, and reclaim us for your work so that our words and deeds might glorify you.

LORD HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison

"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us."

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news:

The Light of the World has come, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth.

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Word

ANTHEM "WE SHALL OVERCOME with SOON AND VERY SOON" Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Bibles,p.155/LG.p.201

A new teaching with authority! *Thanks be to God.* 

HYMN #408 "THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT" Akers, 1962

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE John 1:29-42 Bibles, p.86/ LG. p.112

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Michele R. Goff

**ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** 

### Response

\***HYMN #409** *"God is Here"* (vs.1&2) Green,1979

#### SERVICE OF INSTALLATION & ORDINATION

#### \*SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished. *To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.* 

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *I do.* 

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? *I do*.