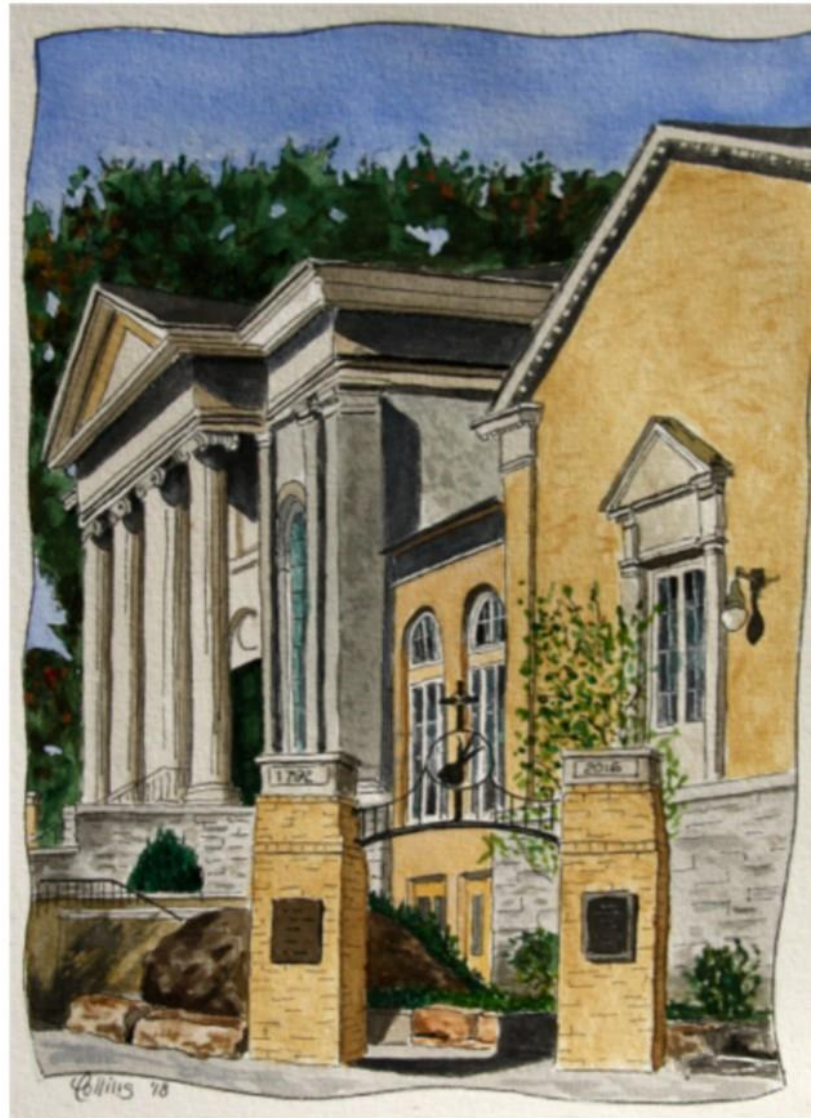




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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 16, 2022**  
✦ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

**PRELUDE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Adult Handbell Choir

Arr. Lloyd Larson

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 36

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments like the deep;**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: We feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give us drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

**People: in your light we see light.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**† OPENING HYMN 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (vv. 1-3, 5)*

Toulon

1. I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

3. Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive;  
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
And give us strength in every trying hour.

2. Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in every place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

5. Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
That in thy strength we evermore endure.

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We have ignored the pain of the world, and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from our selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior...*(a moment for silent confession)***

**† ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**† MUSICAL RESPONSE 583**

*Glory to God*

Gloria

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**† PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**† MUSICAL RESPONSE 587**

*Alleluia!*

Celtic Alleluia

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## ✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

Bill Morrow

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### ANTHEM

*Cana's Guest*

Richard Allain

*As Cana's quiet, wondrous guest drew richest wine from water blessed; through trembling vow  
and thankful song may glory shine, as hearts respond with love, earth's antiphon.*

### SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### SERMON

"All Together Now"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## ✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 321

*The Church's One Foundation (w. 1-4)*

Aurelia

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| 1. The church's one foundation<br>Is Jesus Christ her Lord.<br>She is his new creation<br>By water and the word.<br>From heaven he came and sought her<br>To be his holy bride.<br>With his own blood he bought her,<br>And for her life he died. | 3. Though with a scornful wonder<br>This world sees her oppressed,<br>By schisms rent asunder,<br>By heresies distressed,<br>Yet saints their watch are keeping;<br>Their cry goes up: "How long?"<br>And soon the night of weeping<br>Shall be the morn of song. |
| 2. Elect from every nation,<br>Yet one o'er all the earth,<br>Her charter of salvation:<br>One Lord, one faith, one birth.<br>One holy name she blesses,<br>Partakes one holy food,<br>And to one hope she presses,<br>With every grace endued.   | 4. Mid toil and tribulation,<br>And tumult of her war,<br>She waits the consummation<br>Of peace forevermore:<br>Till with the vision glorious<br>Her longing eyes are blest,<br>And the great church victorious<br>Shall be the church at rest.                  |

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meredith Loftis

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.

## RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the offering plates on the side aisles or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jesu, Sun of Life, My Splendor*

George F. Handel

*Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender, Jesus, Joy of my desiring,  
Fount of Life, my soul inspiring, at Thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Thy glory, given.*

## † DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## † SENDING HYMN 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vn. 1-3, 5)*

Dennis

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| 1. Blest be the tie that binds<br>Our hearts in Christian love.<br>The fellowship of kindred minds<br>Is like to that above.           | 3. We share our mutual woes;<br>Our mutual burdens bear.<br>And often for each other flows<br>The sympathizing tear.           |
| 2. Before our Father's throne<br>We pour our ardent prayers.<br>Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,<br>Our comforts and our cares. | 5. From sorrow, toil, and pain,<br>And sin we shall be free;<br>And perfect love and friendship reign<br>Through all eternity. |

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*In Thee is Joy, BWV 615*

Johann S. Bach

† - *Please stand if you are able.*