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Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUEST

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PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Congregation: Jesus calls us to worship.

Liturgist: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Congregation: Jesus calls us to love.

Liturgist: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Congregation: Jesus calls us to justice.

Liturgist: Let us heed the call of Christ.

All: Let us worship together with joy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Change My Heart, Oh God

CEL #654

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Wesley Covenant Prayer

Liturgist

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

See screen

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Epistle) Philippians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you showed us how to love. May we follow your example and show our love by acts of kindness toward others. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: (Gospel) Mark 1:21-39 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. ²² And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are -- the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷ Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority, He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." ²⁸ And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee. ²⁹ Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹ So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. ³² At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. ³⁵ Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. ³⁷ When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." ³⁸ But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." ³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and casting out demons.

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MISSION MOMENT

RESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect during song and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

SONG OF PREPARATION

There is a Redeemer (v. 1-3)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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SERMON ANTHEM

The Summons

Choir

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Next Steps: Growing in Spiritual Disciplines

Theme: Just try it.

Main Question: What else can I do to grow spiritually?

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of glory and majesty, help us to see our place in your creation with humility and grace. Help us to receive your grace and love with gratitude, and let it flow through our being to everyone we meet. Holy God, may the tithes and offerings we bring to your altar this day not be a testimony to our worthiness, but to our readiness – readiness to be emptied of pride, that we might be instruments of your peace, love, and compassion in our hurting world. We pray in the blessed name of Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See screen

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Take My Life* See screen

*COMMISION/BENEDICTION Pastor

(Based on Mark 1:21-28)

Go forth...

...replenished by the grace and mercy of God,

...blessed by the healing love of Jesus,

...energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.

*...and all of God's children said...**Amen***

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen