

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 15, 2017

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Raymond

PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Organ

Patricia Lou Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dick Raymond

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

— Psalm 33:1—5 (NIV)

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

(Hymn #20)

(VERSE 1)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

(VERSE 2)

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

(VERSE 3)

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

(Hymn #21)

(VERSE 1)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

(VERSE 2)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

(VERSE 3)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

(VERSE 4)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

TIME OF PRAYER

Karen Colvin

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,
for the Holy One is steadfast in love
and always ready to forgive.

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,
forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love,
forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
forgive us;

for all the times we have failed to forgive,
forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks
and unfulfilled hopes,

**God of all time,
forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.**

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[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ,
the Lamb who bears our sin.
Happy are those who put their trust in God,
and delight to do God's will,
for God makes our footing sure
upon the rock of Christ.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

"CHANGE MY HEART, OH GOD"

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Karen Colvin

Invitation to the Offering

Our God has done wondrous things,
too numerous to count.
Through steadfast love and faithful care,
God enriches us in every way.

Therefore, do not delay!
Let us offer to God ourselves this day,
all that we have and all that we are,
in praise and love of Christ.

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***Doxology**

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

We give you thanks, O loving God,
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.
Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation
and restore all people to Christ. **Amen.**

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*Bringing our gifts and / or lighting a candle... Please feel free to go to either
the front or the rear of the sanctuary.*

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

"Reflections"

Organ

David Paxton

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 1:11–20 (NIV)

Lois Robertson

¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the Lord.
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
¹² When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.

They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.

¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.^[a]

Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.

¹⁸ “Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the good things of the land;

²⁰ but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.”

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 (NIV)

Dick Raymond

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MESSAGE

Rev. Forrest Buckner

“Joyful Participation in God's Work of Justice”

Sermon Text: Mark 6:30–44

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED”

(Hymn #568)

(VERSE 1)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love

(VERSE 2)

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing

always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

(VERSE 3)

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.

(VERSE 4)

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only all for thee.

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Forrest Buckner

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord of Lords”

Organ

Mark L. Williams

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In the pulpit today: Rev. Forrest Buckner, Ph.D., joined Whitworth in July 2015. After undergraduate degrees in civil and mechanical engineering at Colorado School of Mines, Forrest worked at First Presbyterian Church of Boulder for more than nine years, overseeing the youth ministry there. He earned his M. Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in theology from the University of St Andrews, in Scotland. Outside of Whitworth, he primarily enjoys spending time with his wife and three young and delightful children-- Esther, Bella, and River.