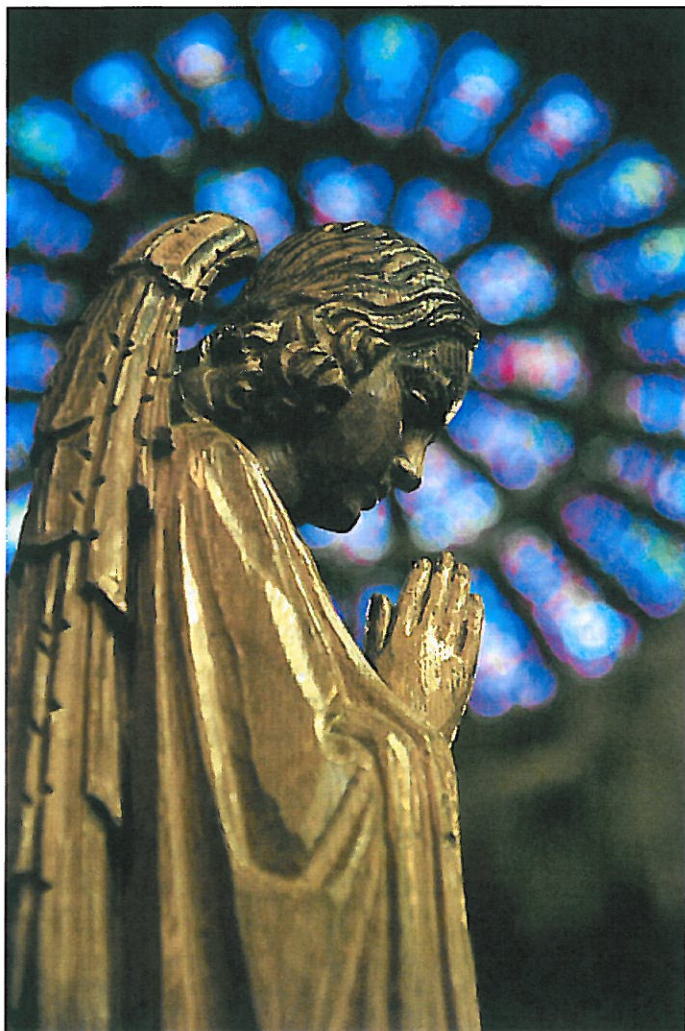


# Service of Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 16, 2011  
8:45am and 11am

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*"Baker Memorial Church" by Joe Thorn*

*We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.*  
**For parents with young children:** a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Gathering Song** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* **310**

◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives us light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Holy and healing God,

C: **we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world.  
**Amen.**

♦ **Greeting**

P: The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

♦ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

♦ **First Reading**

*1 Peter 1:18-2:3*

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land.*

*Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever." That word is the good news that was announced to you. <sup>1</sup> Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

◆ **Special Music**     *Luther's Morning Prayer*     *Peace Choir*

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You kept me safely through the night and brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep safe from Satan's sway that all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end. Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

◆ **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 23:23-28*

<sup>23</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean. <sup>27</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. <sup>28</sup> So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

◆ **Children's Message**

*Pastor Mark Nelson*

◆ **Song**     *The Church of Christ, in Every Age (v. 1, 4, 5)*     729

◆ **Message**     *"When Christians are Not Christ-like "*

*Pastor Mark Nelson*

◆ **Song**     *To Be Your Presence*

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◆ *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

◆ *Offering Response*      *Create In Me*      185

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

◆ *Prayer Song*      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*      752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: Peace Members: Vi Turner, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Ardis Bogen, Karen Bramer Friends of Peace: Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara*

Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Scott Hyde, Ruth Lahti **Those Who Grieve:** The Albert family on the death of Marilyn's mother Marion Anderson, the Crunstedt family on the death of Colleen's father Carl Stacy, the Peterson family on the death of John's father Peter Peterson **Military:** Matt Bartels

### ◆ **Holy Communion**

*Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.*

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

◆ **Communion Song**      *Come, Let Us Eat*      491

### ◆ **Communion Blessing and Prayer**

P: Let us pray:

Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### ◆ **God's Blessing to Us**

P: God the Father, the Majestic Glory; God the Son, the Morning Star; and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, bless you and grant you peace. **Amen.**

♦ *Sending*

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

8:45am

**Ushers:** Jeff and Cheryl Bartels  
**Greeters:** Rick and Linda Glasgow  
**Lector:** Dave Dynneson  
**Communion Assts:** Steve Solfest, Kari Solfest, Joy Kjeldahl

11:00am

**Ushers:** Jason and Holly Rich  
**Greeters:** Jeremy and Robin Churchill  
**Lector:** Amy Lee  
**Communion Assts:** Bridget Thomson and Corrine Heine

**Music:** Jon and Anita Young  
**Hosts:** Jon and Anita Young

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