

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday  
after Epiphany



**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:  
To the ways we wound our lives,  
the lives of others  
and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**Amen!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**"Gloria, Gloria"**

*Taizé community*

1) *Sung once by the choir*

2) *Sung in unison by all*

3) *Sung three times in canon. Join a part that needs more singers!*

Canon

1. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, in ex - cé - l - sis De - o!  
2. in ex - cé - l - sis De - o!

3. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!  
4. al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!

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\*WORDS OF PREPARATION

Let us prepare ourselves to hear our Sacred Stories.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

*Children kindergarten and younger may follow the adult leader to the nursery.*

SACRED STORIES

*Jeanne Schultz, Lector*

OLD TESTAMENT      **Genesis 45:1-15**

*Blue 3*

PSALM                      **Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40**

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
    **do not be envious of wrongdoers,**  
For they will soon fade like the grass,  
    **and wither like the green herb.**  
Trust in God, and do good;  
    **so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**  
Take delight in God,  
    **who will give you the desires of your heart.**  
Commit your way to God; trust in God,  
    **and God will act.**  
God will make your vindication shine like the light,  
    **and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**  
Be still before God, and wait patiently;  
    **do not fret over those who prosper in their way,**  
        **over those who carry out evil devices.**  
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
    **Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**  
For the wicked shall be cut off,  
    **but those who wait for God shall inherit the land.**  
Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
    **though you look diligently for them, they will not be there.**

But the meek shall inherit the land,  
**and delight themselves in peace.**  
The salvation of the righteous is from God,  
**who is their refuge in times of trouble.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The Alleluias are sung first by the choir, then by all. The verse is sung by the choir.*



*Then the Alleluias are sung again by all.*

Choir: Love your enemies, and you will be children of | the Most High;  
forgive, and you will | be forgiven.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

**Luke 6:27–38**

*Blue 56*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Michael Wasylik*

\*HYMN

**“God, Bless Our Homes”**

*Charterhouse*

*(see next page)*

## "God, Bless Our Homes"

Choir 1 God, bless our homes with peace and love and laugh - ter,  
 All 2 May ev - ery heart re - ceive God's lov - ing spir - it  
 Choir 3 For - give the hurts our self - ish - ness in - flict - ed  
 All 4 O God, in grat - i - tude for homes and loved ones,

with un - der - stand - ing and with loy - al - ty.  
 and know the truth that makes life tru - ly free;  
 on those we love and those who love us best.  
 we o - pen now our hearts to hu - man - kind.

May we to - geth - er fol - low Christ our Sav - ior  
 Then, in that spir - it may we live u - nit - ed,  
 Christ, heal the scars, and draw us all to - geth - er  
 Grant us your spir - it— love for all our neigh - bors—

and know the bless - ing of com - mu - ni - ty.  
 and find in God our deep se - cu - ri - ty.  
 in God whose will is peace and joy and rest.  
 so in your peace may we our con - cord find.

*Frank von Christierson was born in Finland and came to the United States as a child. After completing degrees at Stanford University and San Francisco Theological Seminary, he ministered to and founded several Presbyterian congregations in California.*

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TESTIMONY

*Nancy Dana*

*(continued on next page)*

OFFERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

**“My Eyes for Beauty Pine”**

*Herbert Howells*  
*Text: Robert Bridges*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddës grace:  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above:  
'Tis named when Goddës name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

\*SONG "May Your Gifts to Us, O Holy One" *Curt Oliver*

May your gifts to us, O Ho-ly One, be  
nur-tured in our hearts and blos-som in our lives. May our gifts to you, O  
Gra-cious One, find har-mo-ny in your will. For we pray in the name of the  
Liv-ing One, our Com-pan-ion and Sav-ior, Je-sus Christ.

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\*PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Mark Eldridge, Deacon*

The Lord be with you;  
**And also with you.**

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 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.**

\*HYMN

# "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

*Beginnings*

*Unison*

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
\* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
past and leave be - hind, our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

*Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.*

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Carlton R. Young, 1987

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\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

**“Bwana Awabariki”**  
**(“May God Grant you a Blessing”)**

*Traditional Swahili*  
*arr. Susan T. Nelson*

*Olivet Handbell Choir*



*Please join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall.*

*Notice someone missing? Reach out.*

*Need some support? Let us know.*

*We are one body in Christ.*

## The Prayer List

*We pray for those who live with grief, pain, or illness and those in need of courage, wisdom, or peace. We pray for Olivet's ministries and our neighbors—both near and far, both stranger and friend. And in particular, we pray for those who have asked to be named before God:*

Naeem GOREE, recovering from a neck injury and asks for prayers of healing, safe travel, and a place to call home.

Pat HART, in Decatur GA, with her daughter Becky.

Layla and all foster children.

Michael and Heinz OLK, friends of the Schultz family, as they recover from serious health issues.

For the family of Jacob WETTERLING and the safety of all missing children.

*In cancer treatment and care:*

Art KAEMMER.

Susan ZWICKEY and her three children. Susan is in treatment for bladder cancer.

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