

I JOHN 4:7

*Let us love one another:*  
FOR LOVE IS OF  
*God.*



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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

### Prelude

#### **Prayer of Preparation** *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

*Dear Lord, as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of Your Son, help us to love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do this alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. Amen.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 37:1-6**

**L:** Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong.

**P:** **For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither.**

**L:** Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

**P:** **Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires.**

**L:** Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you.

**P:** **He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.**

### **\*Hymn**

***"God Is Here!"***

**PH #461**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Transcendent Knowledge, we confess to You this morning that there are many times that we think we know better than you. How many times, Lord, have we put You in boxes or categories of our own design? How many times, Lord, have we thought You cruel when we experience hurt and pain? How many times have we been guilty of worshipping a God that we have manufactured, rather**

than the God of Scripture? We realize that many times this happens unintentionally or unthinkingly, but it happens nonetheless. Humble us by Your Holy Spirit, give us a clearer vision, and give us the confidence to know deep down that You are always working for our good, even when we don't understand. Amen. (Time of silence for personal reflection)

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" PH #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Sermon Text/Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38

Sermon "Love Your Enemies!" Pastor Ryan

\*Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" SF #2173

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith – Good News Confession

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

### Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

### The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn**                    *“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”*                    **PH #564**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ryan Edgecombe
Greeter/Usher:	Julia Territo
Liturgist:	Steve Territo
Pianist:	Bethany Edgecombe/Julia Territo

***\*Please stand, if able***                    CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

\*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination written by Pastor Ryan.