



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

Know God • Build Community • Impact the World

January 16, 2022 The Second Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

Let us speak of mercy and justice.

For these are things suitable for our God.

Let us follow the ways of mercy and justice, for they are the ways of peace and community.

Let us lift up our hearts in conviction and our voices in commitment and praise to the Lord of peace and the God of justice; the hope and healing of humanity.

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HYMN

Walk With Me

FWS 2242

OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery and mercy: You have created all things and called them good. You breathe into us the breath of life and sustain us all our days. When we are lost, you provide the way. Come upon us in freedom and grace, that we may seek the lost, heal the sick, announce God's reign, and delight that our hearts know you as you walk with us on the Way. Amen.

MICHAEL J. O'DONNELL AND DANIEL T. BENEDICT (BOS)

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 20:7-9

PSALM

Psalms 36:5-10 (responsively)

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**I desire to follow your way, O Lord, my God;
continue your steadfast love to me.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;
O Lord, humans and animals you save!**

O God, how precious is your steadfast love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Divine Redeemer”

Abbe Drake

SERMON

We Need Prophets

Rev. Gwen Drake

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, eternal yet ever-moving One, who creates and is creating, who keeps covenant, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

We believe in Jesus, the Servant-Advocate who lived the way of dying-and-rising, who embodied justice and reconciliation, who, with authority, calls us to share this way and this embodying.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sustaining Presence and transforming Power, who dwells among us in clarity and mystery, who inspires us individually and corporately, who challenges, prods, emboldens.

We believe that the Church, community of faith and caring, covenant and promise, which nurtures our pilgrimage, calls us to be witnesses to God’s truth, love, and justice.

We believe that our believing affects our daily walking and talking, our doubting and struggling, our decisions and choice making, and our responses to persons and systems.

As siblings in this community, we intend to raise questions hopefully, to work for justice lovingly, and, by God’s grace, to share our ministry faithfully and passionately. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Panis Angelicus” BY CESAR FRANCK

Abbe Drake

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Beloved God, bless the gifts we offer with you loving presence. Bless our very lives with your Holy Spirit, that we may be signs of your mercy and grace in the world.

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SENDING

HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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+BENEDICTION

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve God and neighbor in everything that you do. **Thanks be to God.**

TRADITIONAL

+POSTLUDE

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