

Second Sunday after the Epiphany– January 20, 2013

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| Music Prelude | | Glenda Teachey |
| Welcome & Announcements | | |
| *Procession | “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | #400 |
| *Lighting of the Altar Candles | | |
| Praises & Prayer Requests | | |
| Hymn of Preparation | “Are Ye Able” | #530 |
| Liturgy of the Word: | | |
| New Testament | Acts 10:34-43 | Shirley Massey |
| Psalms | Psalm 89:20-29 (In Unison) | |
| Special Music | “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” | Rockland Choir |
| *Gospel | Luke 3:15-18, 21-22 | Pastor Bill Faupel |

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: “The More Excellent Way” Pastor Bill Faupel

During the season of Epiphany this year, the Gospel focuses on events that take place early in the life and ministry of Jesus. Each event discloses some new aspect of God’s disclosure of the light coming into the world to enlighten all humankind. In today’s Gospel Jesus is introduced to us by John the Baptist. John like the prophets before him and indeed like Mary when she received the news from Gabriel that she would bare a son, understood that the good news the Messiah would bring, would come by a violent overthrow of the existing world order. But when Jesus emerged from the waters of baptism, a voice from heaven proclaimed: “This is my son, my beloved, listen to him.” Jesus would disclose a more excellent way. It is indeed fitting that we should reflect upon this text this Sunday. Today we also recognize one of our nation’s heroes, Martin Luther King. In seeking to liberate our nation from the vestiges of racism, Martin resisted the temptation to use violence to bring full civil rights to all U.S. citizens. Rather he called the nation to the model of our Lord, the more excellent way. Today and tomorrow we will witness part of the results of this as our first African American President takes the oath of office for the second time.

***Affirmation of Faith** #886

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion

+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the third server.

***Please stand as you are able**

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| *Closing Hymn | “Forward Through The Ages” | #555 |
| *Blessing | | Pastor Bill Faupel |
| *Benedictory Response | “Spirit Song” | #347 |
| Postlude | Congregation Dismissed | Glenda Teachey |

Next Sunday’s Scriptures: Isaiah 62:19; Psalm 96; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 1:35-42

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor’s card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a “Meet & Greet” after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. (Acts 10:34-35)

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