The flower arrangement, provided by the Zander family, is in honor of Wendy Wilcox's birthday. Best wishes to Wendy on her special day.

# **Prayers and Praises**

As we enjoy the warmth and safety of our home, let us be aware and pray for those who are homeless and for people in many places in the world forced to flee as refugees.

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Gary Grasse Ruth Smith

Pete Radlund Lincoln Deanovich

Jessica Burmeister Jesse Fisher
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# In-Person Bulletin for Worship 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany February 20, 2022 9:00 am Service

(\* = please stand as you are able)

**Prelude** "All Creatures of Our God and King" "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing"

arranged by Gerhard Krapf arranged by Paul Manz

#### **Announcements**

Lit candle is brought in reminding us of Christ in our Midst.

\*Call to Worship

Carol Wetzel

Thou rushing wind

#### \*Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, you are our salvation and our righteousness.

You are our certain, constant refuge in all our troubles.

You save us from the wicked, you rescue us from the evils of the world.

Loving God, for all you have done, are doing, and will do we give you our thanks and praise. **Amen.** 

#### \*Call to Confession

Jesus teaches first by example. The one who says, "Do not judge, but forgive," asks only that we do what he has already done. Let us practice our Teacher's instruction in prayer.

### \*Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending forgiveness beyond our imagining.

Too often, our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessings we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts.

<sup>\*</sup>Brian has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He would like prayer for himself and his family as they learn how to cope with his illness. And, for the medical team treating him.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Rachel's father passed away last Sunday. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

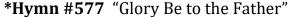
<sup>\*</sup>Hymn #455 "All Creatures of our God & King" vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

#### Silent Confession

## \*Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Beloved, believe the good news of the Gospel. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, our weakness transforms into power, our dishonor disintegrates into glory, and we are raised with Christ. This is gospel!

# In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!





# Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

- <sup>27</sup> "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
- $^{\rm 28}$  bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
- <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.
- <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.



<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children

of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**\*Hymn #386** "O For a World"

Message "Expansive Grace"
Prayers of the People

Pastor Ken Locke

## 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

#### The Offering

Offering: Azmon arranged by Paul Manz \*Offertory #592 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

## \*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Kingsfold"

arranged by George Mims