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# Sunday Virtual Worship

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# 7™ SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### **GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "Where 'er You Walk" from Semele George Frederick Handel

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us worship the Lord.

\*HYMN 261 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In unison)

Mighty and merciful God,

you have called us to be your people

and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling.

We have been timid and frightened disciples,

forgetful of your powerful presence

and the strength of your Spirit among us.

**Lord, hear our confessions:** (silent prayer)

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.

As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism,

strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.

Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry

may be provided with all the gifts of grace

needed to fulfill our common calling;

through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**SINGING 572** *"Lord, Have Mercy upon Us"* 

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

#### \*SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

### CHORAL ANTHEM

\*HYMN 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 6:27-38

**SERMON** Pastor Steve Clark

#### SERVICE of INSTALLATION

#### SENTENCES of SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

#### STATEMENT ON ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

# **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Jeanne Hastings as elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **WE DO.** 

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **WE DO.** 

#### **PRAYER**

#### **DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION**

## **INVITATION to OFFERING**

(Those joining us online may use our online giving platform at <a href="https://hocpc.org/give">hocpc.org/give</a>)

#### **OFFERTORY**

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER of DEDICATION

# PRAYERS of the PEOPLE 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 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. Amen.

\*HYMN 386

"O for a World"

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

"March" from Judas Maccabaeus

G. F. Handel

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# Luke 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat 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. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back 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 expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> Instead, 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 himself 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."