

ORDER OF SERVICE
17 January 2021
Epiphany 2

GATHER			
Call to Worship			
Hymn/Song	To God be the glory, great things he has done	TIS 147	
Prayer of Invocation			
Praise Time (10 min)	Open the Eyes of my Heart Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)	P&W 848/SCE[2] 926/CCLI 2298355 CCLI 67544	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Emily/Selena
Song	I'm so secure	SCE 221/CCLI 1935925	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	1 Samuel 3:1-20; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51		Laraine McKay
Message	<i>Follow me – come and see</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Here I am Lord	TIS658/SCE246	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	<i>Affirmation of Faith for Epiphany and the Season after Epiphany</i>		
Offering & Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church	Rev Allan Smith		
Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith		
Communion Song	Come as you are	TIS 693/CCLI 1504731	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	My Saviour, Redeemer (For all you've done)	SCE 1441/CCLI 4254689	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	My Saviour, Redeemer (For all you've done)	SCE 1441/CCLI 4254689	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Jill Rohde
Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	Ian McKay
Additional Music	
Sound System	Isaiah Kafoa
Data Operator	David Potter
Power Point Producer	David Potter
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 139:1-6*)

Lord God, you know me through and through;

you know my sitting down, and my getting up.

You sense what I am thinking from far away;

you understand my journeying and my resting.

In fact, you are familiar with the way I do everything;

even before I speak, you know what's on my mind.

You are in my past, and in my future,

you surround me with your love

and your reassuring hand is upon me.

This wonderful knowledge is beyond my understanding;

it surpasses everything, and is beyond my grasp.

Let us worship God.

SONG [To God be the glory, great things he has done](#) TIS 147

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gratefully and gladly, we come into this house of praises, most loving God. We come to join our voices with all those who have welcomed the call of Christ. With people from every nation and tongue, a wave of joy linking earth and heaven in one congregation, we take our place with thanksgiving. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful are you, Creator, Redeemer and Counselor! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Glory be to you, O God most high! Amen.

SONGS [Open the Eyes of my Heart](#) P&W 848/SCE[2] 926/CCLI 2298355

[Oceans \(Where Feet May Fail\)](#) CCLI 67544

PRAYER OF ADORATION

It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, God-who-calls-us:
you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands,
and turn us around so we can follow you home.

It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you, God-who-invites-us-to follow:
you remove our fears with your compassion,
you take away our doubts complete acceptance of who we are.

It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words, God-who-speaks-to-us:
you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation
and we listen with eager hope.

God in Community, Holy in One,
continue to call us by name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we often do not perceive the needs of others for justice and mercy. We believe everyone is equal, and fail to see where we have privilege over others. We believe we deserve what we have, and that others have not worked hard enough. We judge those who do not live their lives the same as us.

Forgive us for our ignorance. Forgive us for not noticing the needs of people around us. Guide us into working for justice for all by recognizing our privilege and the oppression of others.

In the name of Christ, who calls us all by name, and calls us into the work of love, justice and mercy, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who searches us and knows our inmost thoughts has bought us at great price.

In Jesus Christ we have been freed from sin and heaven has been opened to us.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Be at peace for your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [I'm so secure](#) SCE 221/CCLI 1935925

BIBLE READINGS

[1 Samuel 3:1-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

[John 1:43-51](#)

SERMON [Follow me – come and see](#) [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [Here I am, Lord](#) TIS658/SCE246

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious and eternal God,
we bring our gifts with hopeful and faithful spirits.
Bless the offering of these gifts and our lives
that new hope and new possibilities are made real
in the lives of those whom we serve
in your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Persistent God, you never give up on us. We pray that you will continue to call us, loudly, waking us up to your presence so that we might eagerly answer your call. Raise us up as leaders in this world so that everyone might know this, too, is your kingdom. (1 Samuel 3:1-10)

All-knowing God, from before we were formed you knew us. Each person in this world is your creation. Remind us to show respect for all your children so that prejudice, hatred, jealousy and fighting might end. Instil in us your Spirit of peace and kinship. (Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17)

Loving God, you committed yourself to an eternal relationship with us. Strengthen us to keep OUR promises to one another so that those we love may depend on us to be faithful. Help us re-commit ourselves to wholesome lives that announce to the world that we are redeemed by you. (1 Cor 6:12-20)

All-seeing God, as you did with Nathanael, you see us through and through and know our inner-most needs. Only you can heal the brokenness that threatens us in body, mind and spirit. Be present with these we name today...

This morning we pray especially for...

Send your angels to minister to the needs of your children. (John 1:43-51)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION [Come as you are](#) TIS 693/CCLI 1504731

SONG [My Saviour, Redeemer \(For all you've done\)](#) SCE 1441/CCLI 4254689

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord
and follow wherever it leads.
Do not be dominated by anything.
Allow no room within yourselves for deceit,
but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit

And may the grace...

Affirmation of Faith for Epiphany and the Season after Epiphany

by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us,
dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world.
This Spirit is our soul companion and counsellor of truth
reminding us
of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION: Epiphany 2 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for what we know of you is overwhelming,
more wonderful than we can ever understand.

In the hidden depths of time
you formed the newborn earth according to your design,
and knit us together in our mothers' wombs.
You led your people through Moses,
and corrected them through prophets like Samuel,
whose every word went forth with your power.

In these last days you have sent us your Son
— Jesus, son of Mary, from Nazareth.
In word and deed he brought the truth to light
and called us to follow
in the ways of integrity and discipleship.

When the enemies of life put him to death,
you raised him up by your power,
and likewise you raise us up
and unite us with Christ
that we too may be an honoured dwelling place
for your Holy Spirit.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...