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***Four Pillars of Our Mission:
Worship, Welcome, Learn, Serve***

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 2022
9:30 a.m.

(Services are being recorded)
Masks and Social Distancing Required

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All Members of the Church, Ministers
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Lead Pastor
Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music

PRELUDE

GOD'S LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

GREETING

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you. I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, who breaks down the barriers that divide us. It doesn't matter where you've come from or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

CALL TO WORSHIP Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog 'Hold Fast to What Is Good', used with permission

Rev. Tanya

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Tanya

We worship a God who loves us in spite of our failures, who embraces us even when we fall short. The act of confession helps us remember the length and depth of God's grace toward us, and reminds us of our commitment to turn away from behaviors that diminish us and inhibit divine love from flowing freely through us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon

Giver of Life, and Restorer of lives or choices gone wrong, we confess our struggle to be the people you want us to be; to demonstrate compassionate regard for all people and attentive care for the planet you've entrusted us to steward well. Forgive us when we stray from your intentions and hopes for us. And renew the resolve within us to conform more fully to your ways, guided foremost by love. In the name of our brother and teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News, from the very One who came to show us how to live and love as God intended: Though we cannot always see it, the power of God's love is far greater and more eternal than any other force at work in this world. And there is nothing we can do, nothing we can leave undone, that will finally sever us from God's love for us. We are forgiven, and invited to live in the light of that Love. . . thanks and glory be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION written by Rev. Sarah Speed, used with permission, adapted by tnsr.

Holy God, you speak to us in Scripture and in prayers, in sunrises and sunsets, in friends and in strangers, in dreams and in songs. You are speaking all the time, yet how often do we miss your messages? Quiet our minds so that we can listen with, and for, a depth that we have not practiced, or heard, before. Still our hearts so that we can receive openly what it is you are offering us today. We know you are speaking, so we are listening. Gratefully we pray, amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

As the children and their teachers depart to continue their worship and learning elsewhere, we offer them our blessing:

The Congregation: God's love be with you.

Teachers & Children: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

pg 585

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

pg 834

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Who Are You? Remember Your Baptism

Rev. Tanya

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRIST

Passing the Friendship Register: please let us know you were here, and if you'd like for us to contact you by including your phone, address or email. Please feel free to take notice of the names of those sharing a pew with you, in case you have opportunity to greet them after the service.

INVITATION TO GIVE & RECEIVE DIVINE GIFTS

(please refer to separate Announcements page)

Financial contributions are gratefully received during the offertory, or *initiate Online Giving: Go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>*

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

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

***HYMN**

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

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THE LIGHT AND WORD GUIDE US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***OUR COMMON COMMISSION**

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Deacons this morning are Peggy Gilmour and Jessica Marchant.