

The Presbyterian Church of Palatine
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012

10:00 a.m.

We Prepare for God's Word

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

- Martin Luther King

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 139)

Leader: O God, you have searched us and known us.

People: When we sit down and when we rise up, when we worship and pray, and praise and serve;

Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away.

People: Our hopes and dreams, our worries and fears. You search out our paths, and are acquainted with all our ways.

Leader: Even before a word is on our tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

People: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us. We praise you! Wonderful are your works! We worship you, O God!

***Opening Hymn #210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Call to Confession

We worship a God who is wise and just, and we know that we have fallen short of God's glory. Yet our wise and just God is also gracious and merciful. God hears our prayers. In humility and trust, let us bring our prayers of confession to God, admitting those ways we have fallen short.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Wise and gracious God, we admit that we have not lived a life conformed to Christ. You offer us the wisdom of your Word, but we neglect our study of Scripture. You are wise in your care for the world, but we think we know better. You call us to take up the cross and follow, but we want to forge our own paths. You offer your peace that is "not as the world gives", but we are not content; we want security and guarantees. You give us the gift of your commandments, but we look for the loopholes, and make our own rules. Forgive us, Lord. Call us back to the life that you intend for us. We pray in the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus Christ leads us on the righteous path. In his life, he showed us how to live and relate to one another. In his death, he atoned for our sins, and gave us the assurance of his love for us. In his resurrection, he rose triumphant over the powers of this world that would seek to enslave us. We are set free, and called to live lives of gratitude and joy. Friends, believe the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Song of Thanksgiving #78** (verse 1) *There Is a Redeemer*
(Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ** (The congregation may greet one another with the words "The peace of Christ" and a gesture of waving or a handshake.)

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

His Strength Is Our Song

Parker/Pethel

Children's Moment

(please sing as the children leave the chancel)
**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

We Listen for and Proclaim the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading from the New Testament

John 1: 43-51

pg. 863

Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

pg. 503

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Sermon

Awakening to God's Purpose

Dr. Dempsey

We Respond to the Word of God

***Hymn #357**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Announcements

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

We Take God's Word into the World

***Hymn #434**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able**

Welcome to all who visit with us today! **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

Please sign the black friendship pads located in each pew
and pass them to others.

This Morning

Lay Reader: Marc Wendleton

Ushers: Pam Brokaw (Head), Doris Heilman, Mike Rose, Kathy Winters

Nursery Attendants: Lesley Brand, Joe Brand, Kara Strickland