

# Our Service of Worship

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

10:55 am

February 26, 2017

\*We invite those who are able, to stand during these acts of worship

### Gathering Music Announcements

#### Prelude

*Prelude in e minor*

Michael Norris, Organist  
J.S. Bach

### Bringing the Light of God

#### Call to Worship

God's creative expanse is mind-boggling. It encompasses the universe,

**Which is too large for us to see;**

And yet it includes protons and neutrons and quarks,

**Which are too small for us to see!**

God's unconditional love is also boundless. It reaches to distant and unknown places,

**Yet it intimately touches each of our hearts and hurts.**

Be assured of this—God's ever-present love is surrounding you.

**Indeed, it is sustaining us in this very hour and place—and at the same time calling us through faith to unknown but promising new experiences.**

We are gathered in the Spirit of God's love to worship in Truth.

**We thank God for our past; we praise God for the present; and we trust God for the future. To God be the Glory.**

\*Praise Chorus                      *My Tribute*                      # 99

\*Hymn of Praise                      *To God Be the Glory*                      # 98

### Scriptural Affirmation

#### PASTOR:

##### 1 John 3:1 (NLT)

1 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.

#### WOMEN:

##### Romans 8:14-17 (NLT)

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.

#### MEN:

##### Romans 8:35 (NLT)

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

#### ALL:

##### Romans 8:37-39 (NLT)

37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love—

39 Indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### \*Hymn of Victory Story for All Ages

*Victory in Jesus* (v1,3)

# 370

*Jesus Loves Me*

Amy Rooks

#### Prayers of Petition

#### Call to Giving

#### Offertory

*O Perfect Love*

Michael Norris, Organist

Joseph Barnby

#### \*Doxology

# 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise God, all creatures here Below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ; whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### Anthem

*My God is an Awesome God*

Chancel Choir

#### Sermon

Rev. Ankeny

#### \*Benediction Hymn

*Pass It On* (v.1,3)

# 572

#### Postlude

*Fugue in e minor*

Michael Norris, Organist

J.S. Bach

#### Worship Matters

We want to **remember and lift up in prayer**: all who are home bound. Also the men and women serving in our military especially those overseas and our sister church Santa Clara in Cuba.

