

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay

February 16th, 2020

6th Sunday After Epiphany

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Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude *Andante Espressivo* J. Froberger

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Mary Buie

Troait *Make me a channel* Sebastian
 of Your peace Temple

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,
as we are embraced in their kindness,
we choose to be people of life and blessing.

As we serve others in God's name,
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,
we choose to walk in God's way.

As we forgive those who have hurt us,
as we reach out to those we have harmed,
we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.

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***Hymn** *In loving partnership* **759**

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

God who is all in all, you call us to walk in your light,
but too often we choose the darkness of despair or
disappointment.

Prayer of Confession

You give life in abundance, but too often we choose to consume too much and take more than our share. You have called us to follow new directions, but we cling to the paths we know. You have called us to reach out in love, but we prefer to protect ourselves without taking any risk. Forgive us, O God; help us to put our trust in you, and lead us to wholeness and peace; to adventure and new life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

We Listen for God's Word

***Hymn** *Praise to the Lord* **73**

Sharing a sign of peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings – Judy Persian

❖ Deuteronomy 30:15-20

❖ Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

² **Blessed are those who keep his decrees,
who seek the Lord with their whole heart,**

³ **who also do no wrong,
but walk in the ways of the Lord.**

⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

⁵ **O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**

⁶ **Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

⁸ **I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

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❖ Matthew 5:21-37

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message - Choose Life

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn *To show by touch and word* **763**

Offering

Organist's Offering of Music *Benediction* J. Schluty

Doxology *What star is this (v4)* **170**

To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit. Three in One,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise.

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Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and generous God, we know that you give growth to your people when we serve you faithfully. We bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving, and ask you to bless and multiply what we bring. Surprise us by what your Holy Spirit will accomplish through these gifts. Bless our lives, too, so that our choices will honour you and bless the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choir's gift of music *Abide with Me* Henry Francis Lyte/
Victor C. Johnson

Prayers of the People

Please respond to the words, "God, in your mercy" with
"Hear our prayer."

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 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

We are Sent out as God's People

***Hymn** *We cannot own the sunlit sky* **717**

Benediction

Postlude *Praeludium* J. Schluty

