

SOTC Worship
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GOD IS HERE!

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(vs. 1-3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: JEREMIAH 17:5-10; PSALM 1; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17-26

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

After Pastor Aleese addresses new members and the congregation as we profess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Following our confession of faith, Pastor Aleese addresses new members, asking for their commitment. Then, Pastor Aleese addresses the congregation, inviting the congregation to pledge to support these new members. Response is
"We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Pastor Aleese continues:

Together, let us welcome Deb, Wanda, Wade, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, and Nancy into this community of faith.

We rejoice as you join us on our journey of discipleship. Together we will give thanks and praise to God for your presence and ministry here among us at Shepherd of the Cross. We pledge to you our prayer and support, and we invite you to join us in proclaiming God's Good News to all the world.

Pastor Aleese closes in a prayer of blessing and offers a gift on behalf of the congregation.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

MY LIFE IS IN YOU, LORD

♩ = 160 **CHORUS**

C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em

My life is in You, Lord, _ my strength is in

Last time to Coda Coda symbol

4 D/E Em D/E C D/C C D/C C G/D

You, Lord, _ my hope is in You, Lord, _ in You, ___ it's in _

8 **VERSE**

1, 3. 2. C/D D C D/C C D/C G/B

You. My You. I will praise You _ with all of _ my life, _

13 G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B

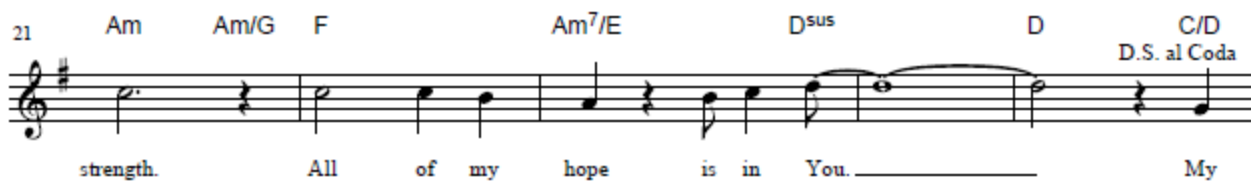
_ I will praise You _ with all of _ my strength; _

17 G G/B D A^{7sus}/E D/F# G E B^{7sus}/F# E/G#



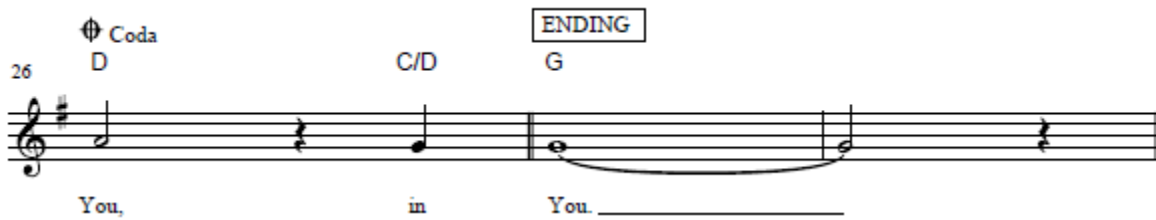
With all of my life, with all of my

21 Am Am/G F Am⁷/E D^{sus} D C/D D.S. al Coda



strength. All of my hope is in You. My

26 Coda D C/D G ENDING



You, in You.

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Thanks be to God!

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