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Worship

February 18, 2023
Monteith Hall

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WORSHIP

SIXTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

February 11, 2024 • 11:15 AM

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please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: *Let us worship God, who has done great things.*

Side B: *Let us worship God, who makes a way in the wilderness.*

Side A: *Let us worship God, who goes with us in hard places.*

Side B: *Let us worship God, who understands our suffering.*

All: Let us worship God, who meets us with love.

*OPENING HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION God you have given each of us many gifts,
but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.

God you remind us that all gifts are needed,
but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.

God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,
but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.

God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body,
We offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace.

Silence is kept.

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE As you pass the peace, you are invited to share the name of someone who has encouraged your gifts or talents at some point in your life.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Come and Fill Our Hearts"
(sung, Hymn 466)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 1: 9-15; Romans 12:3-18

SERMON "Multiple Gifts"

RESPONSE

RESPONSE ACTIVITY Gifts of Ourselves
Before we ordain and install two new Deacons, you are invited to reflect on the gifts that God may be calling you to use in your life. On the paper in your bulletin, write down a gift you have that helps you share God's love. Add it to the collection when you are ready.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION Statement on Ordination
Introduction of the Candidates:
Mike McQueen, Linda Koos
Constitutional Questions
Questions to the Congregation
Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead and serve in the way of Jesus Christ?
We do.
Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
We do.

The Laying On of Hands

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*BENEDICTION This week's challenges (choose one or more activities to take on this week!):

Read Romans Chapter 12. Reflect on how God might be calling you to use your gifts.

Affirm a friend's gifts! Call or text someone to tell them about something you see that they are wonderful at.

Learn more about deacons. Do you know who your deacon is? Deacons are ordained officers of the church who provide spiritual comfort and other assistance to regionally-based groups of families in the church, called chapels. If you don't know your deacon is, or are interested in joining the church, talk to a pastor!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



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