

Order of Worship

8:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 18, 2004

Please take this time before corporate worship begins to come silently before God. Pray for those leading worship and for those who gather here. Meditate upon the verse of preparation.

VERSE OF PREPARATION: John 2:11 *“Jesus did this, the first of His signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed His glory and His disciples believed in Him.”*

PRELUDE

“Come Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire”

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP – read responsively

Liturgist: Let God’s people gather this day in worship and song before the Lord!

People: For the Lord is holy and gives to each the gifts for service.

Liturgist: Then let us use our gifts freely to serve our Lord and Savior.

People: Let the redeeming light of Christ be shined in the darkness of the world.

Leader: Let us celebrate together and serve Christ with all we have been given.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

#150, Hymnal

PRAYER OF INVOCATION - in unison

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#306, Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (individual prayers silently, then join in responsively)

Liturgist: Savior Jesus, you have come among us working wonders and signs of God’s miraculous abundance. Yet when you change the ordinary waters of our own lives into the finest of wines, our tendencies to rationalize and explain show our failure to understand you.

People: Forgive us when we try to shape signs of your life among us to fit our own categories.

Liturgist: You challenge our assumptions about how the world is ordered, about what we can control, about what is rationally possible, about who you are and how we know you.

*Please rise as you are able.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us greet one another in the love of the Lord.

POSTLUDE

"Final on 'Veni Creator'"

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