

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *I'll Praise My Maker* Kerr

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls many different sorts of persons

P: **And unites us in a common way, truth, and life.**

L: God calls us from many different experiences.

P: **And unites us in a common way, truth, and life.**

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above," v. 1 & 2 No. 483

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Comforting God, we confess that our hearts are troubled. We worry about violence that seems unending, about pain that torments so many, about poverty that grows more severe, and about abuses of our planet. We confess that often our worries paralyze us, leading to despair and helplessness. Forgive us for all the times we forget where our strength and hope lie. Breathe your peace into us and remind us that, through you, we can lay aside our despair and work with confidence to build the place of shalom that is your realm. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, Believe the good news of the gospel!

P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.*

ANTHEM *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Courtney
(Chancel Choir—Alice Shoemaker, horn)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 68) Exodus 3:1-15

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Father, Most Holy* Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 388

(please bring your 2-¢-Meal offering forward)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1291) John 17:1-11

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **That We May Be One** Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above," v. 3 & 4 No. 483

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE They'll Know We Are Christians Held

*All who are able may stand

Interim Minister	Bill Lindeman
Pastor Emeritus	Alfred A. Hart
Director of Christian Education	Carolyn Dzuro
Director of Music	Muriel Homer
Youth Director	Linda Duffy
Office Administrator	Cindi Dansizen
Treasurer	Marcy Uhl

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Coffee Servers	Al and Barb Zadroga
Greeters	Dennis and Hilary Runyon
Hall Monitor	Karen Francy
Head Usher	Todd Friesner
Ushers	Pam Novak, Anthony and Mary Lou Klier
	Mike and Linda Kotowski
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