

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 14, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude: Praise to the Lord Rita Pittman  
**Welcome and Church Life** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

**\* Call to Worship**

Pastor: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God.

**People: Strengthen our faith in your coming and transform us by your grace.**

Pastor: Enable us to walk in your way as we celebrate this Epiphany season.

**People: Use our Epiphany journey to remind us we wait upon your coming again. Help us be your light in our world today.**

Pastor: O God, how great you are! Again, on the first day of the week you sent your Spirit on your disciples.

**People: Do not deprive us of your Spirit but renew him in us day by day.**

\* Invocation

\* Hymn # 195. "Shine, Jesus Shine"

**Offering** Pass It On

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Special Music** In This Hour Choir  
**Scripture Lesson** Luke 7: 36-50 Diane Hartley

**Interview and Sermon with Erika Clausen**

**Hymn # 679** "O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling"

**Prayers of the People** and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn. # 676 "Go, My Children"

Sending Prayer

**\* Benediction**

Postlude: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart Rita Pittman

**CHURCH LIFE**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

Norma Goodwin

Kathy Harold

Joe Adkins as he struggles with Alzheimers

Barb Adkins as she is giving care to Joe

Jan Nichols

Pat Williamson

Those struggling with debilitating diseases

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL:** We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave. In our celebration of Communion this morning, all are invited to share. We distribute each element and all join in partaking them at the same time.

**WE WELCOME ERIKA CLAUSEN** this morning in our worship. Erika serves as our missionary in Mexico and will present an informational interview as well as bring a message to us. We pray God's blessings on Erika and her family.

Everyone is invited to join us for our Bay Indies Covenant Church Fellowship Brunch immediately after our Church Service today. We will have the pleasure of Our Missionary Erika Clauson joining us as our honored guest! We will have room for everyone (even if you have not signed up)! Our Brunch is being held at the Venezia Hotel and Restaurant on Route 41 Bypass about 10 minutes away.

**Annual Business Meeting:** We will hold our annual business meeting January 28, 2024 after the morning worship service. You may pick up a copy of the reports on the back table.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mike Rafferty 1/15, Joan Cook 1/16, Rita Pittman 1/18

**ANNIVERSARY**

John & Arlene Lynch 1/16

**Head Usher:** Diane Carl

**Usher/Greeters:**

Ron & Joanne Hamilton

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\* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

## Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!" Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." "Go ahead, Teacher," Simon replied.

Then Jesus told him this story: "A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver<sup>[a]</sup> to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt."

"That's right," Jesus said. Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume.

"I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?" And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Attendance Last Week: 61

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