**Order of Worship for**

**A Service for the Lord’s Day**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 14, 2024**

**\**Please stand as you are able***

**\*GATHERING SONG #399 God Welcomes All**

**WELCOME**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

**PRELUDE**

*Be Still My Soul*Sibelius, arr. Rouse

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you are my God, and I am yours.

**I seek you.**

I have glimpsed your power and glory,

**and I long to be closer to you, to know you more.**

Your steadfast love is better than life, better than air.

**I will praise you and bless you with my life, God.**

Here I am.

**I lift up my hands and call upon your name.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*Hymn # 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you knew us before we came into this life.**

**We are the work of your very own hand. We confess**

**our failures to discern the ways that demons of hostility**

**have warped our common humanity. Selfishness. Greed.**

**Racism. Classism. Arrogance. Indifference. Gloom and Doom.**

**Living as we do, we often fail to see our own part in the diseases**

**of our communities and cultures.**

**Living as we do, even when we “see,” we often do not know what to do.**

**Your Spirit heals the wounds in our lives and empowers us to**

**extend that healing into the life of our communities. Heal us.**

**Empower us. We are simply yours, Lord. Reconcile us to you.**

**Amen.***Moment of silence*

**Kyrie #551**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE # 595 Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world**

**without end. Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**1 Samuel 3:1-10

Hear the Word of God.**Our ears are open.**

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALTER**Psalm 139:1-5, 13-14, 16-18

Refrain “Lord, you have searched me, you know me through and through.”

**SECOND READING**John 1:43-51

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**SERMON**“Staying Curious” Rev. Jane Herring

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Excerpted from the Second Helvetic Confession 1566)*

**We believe and teach that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in his true**

**flesh in which he was crucified and died, rose again from the dead.**

**OFFERTORY**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ Alone in Me*  Farren, Robinson, Thompson, arr. Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY       #606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *You Are My King/And Can it Be* Foote, arr. Berry

***Serving today in worship:***

John Sevier, Worship Leader      Claire Cope, Pianist

Marilyn Lord, Liturgist         Rev. Jane Herring, Minister

**January Calendar:**

January 14: Congregational Meeting to elect elders for class of 2026.

January 14: Worship committee meeting after church

January 21: Children's services start for 2024

January 21: Fellowship/Mission/Congregational Care committee meeting, 9:30 am

January 22: Session meeting, 6:30 pm