

ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 13, 2022 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

Turn us toward You, O God.

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: When we look only to ourselves, our resources cannot sustain us.

PEOPLE: We shrivel and dry up and become so self-focused that we lose awareness of any hope that might be coming our way.

UNISON: We need to stay turned toward God so God can nourish us and lead us on in the right way. Come, let us worship God.

ANTHEM: "God Gives Us Those Who Love Us"

CALL TO CONFESSION

We gather to seek the cleansing winds of the Spirit, that what is unnecessary and evil may be removed from us. Let us confess our sin, that God's loving presence may be real to us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our hearts are deceitful, and our ears are tuned to the counsel of this world. Our lips join the chorus of scoffers, and our deeds reveal the impurity of our motives. We seek personal gain more than the reign of Your love, and individual fulfillment more than the building of community. Heal us, O God, of the diseases

that distort our perception and trouble our spirits. Free us to drink the pure water You provide. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By the power of God, Jesus reached out to heal the afflicted and cleanse troubled spirits. When we want that transformation within and among us more than we want to cling to the past, we will know the blessing of forgiveness. Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and offers to lift us from the death of sin. May we claim the victory over sin that comes to those who hope in Christ.

HYMN: "Be Now My Vision" #451 Black

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17:5-10

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

SERMON: "Misplaced Trust"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

LEADER: We have known the touch of Jesus Christ in our listening, our songs, and our prayers.

PEOPLE: We have felt Christ's presence in the company of people who love one another.

LEADER: The God who searches our minds and tries our hearts has met us here to bless and make whole.

PEOPLE: We leap for joy in our resurrection faith as we experience the hope made real in Christ.

UNISON: We are empowered to endure in all circumstances, so we face the new week with confidence.

CLOSING HYMN: "My Hope is Built ..." #403 Black