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UNITED METHODIST

# But I Say

Glimpses of God

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Prelude**

*The Gift of Love*

Arr. Lloyd Larson  
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**Presentation of Colors**

Troops 506G and 506B

**Welcome**

† **Opening Hymn**

*Christ for the World We Sing*

UMH 568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
with loving zeal; the poor, and them  
that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
with one accord; with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

**Prayers of the People**

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

*Amen*

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Scouting Moment

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## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Matthew 5:21-37 (NRSVue)

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Anthem

*Walk in the Kingdom*

Nancy Price/Don Besig  
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Message

*But I Say*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Response to the Word

### Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

*Andante in Ab Major*

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### † Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

### Prayer of Confession

**All:** God of grace and glory, you are ever ready to forgive and free us from our burdens. Forgive us for judging ourselves and others harshly. Free us from the times we have made others stumble. Forgive us for lifting ourselves up by putting others down. Free us from self-condemnation and regret. With every breath we take, help us choose to live in Christ's ways. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

One: God delights when we choose to leave self-destructive ways behind. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

### † Closing Hymn

*Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*

UMH 566

1. Blest be the dear uniting love  
that will not let us part;  
our bodies may far off remove,  
we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head,  
where he appoints we go,  
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,  
and do his work below.
3. O may we ever walk in him,  
and nothing know beside,  
nothing desire, nothing esteem,  
but Jesus crucified!
4. We all are one who him receive,  
and each with each agree,  
in him the One, the Truth, we live;  
blest point of unity!

5. Partakers of the Savior's grace,  
the same in mind and heart,  
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,  
nor life, nor death can part.

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Postlude in G*

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