

**FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**January 10, 2016**

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*“Ask, Seek, Knock”*

L. Cornwall, Piano

**VOTUM**

**INTROIT**

Choir and Congregation  
*“Sing a New Song to God”* (first 2 verses)

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 145: 1-3.18-20)

We will exalt you, O God our King; we will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day we will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.**

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

**The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. Our mouths will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #240**

*“Holy Spirit Truth Divine”*

**\*SALUTATION**

Choir and Congregation  
*“Sing a New Song to God”* (3<sup>rd</sup> verse)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

**Most Merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness: we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive us our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Psalm 91:14-16**

*“Sing a New Song to God”*

(4<sup>th</sup> verse)

Choir and Congregation

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE**

Antiphonal Praise

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Luke 11:5-13

**\*PEACE OF CHRIST PASSED**

**\*HYMN #225**

*“Jesus Kneel Beside Me”*

**SERMON**

**“Prayer: Ask, Seek, and Knock”**

**[Response: Ask, Seek, and Knock]**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*“Oh Seek, and You Shall Find”*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #397**

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses of this hymn.)

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

Reprise – *“Oh Seek.....”*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

Today's Usher: Mike Shafer

Usher for January 17:

MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Mission Sunday and the Mission Offering will be taken during the first verses of our Closing Hymn.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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