Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

**PRELUDE**  *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER & PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**  from Ephesians 2

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been

 brought near by the blood of Christ.

**People: For he himself is our peace, who has made us one and has**

 **destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,**

Leader: His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the

 two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile us to God

 through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

  **People: He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace**

 **to those who were near.**

Leader: For through Christ we all have access to the Father by one Spirit.

**People: Let us worship God- Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

**ANTHEM** *New Songs of Celebration Render*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Philemon 1:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**† HYMN OF PRAISE**  *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we know that You have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, but we often remain slow to forgive one another. You have sent Your Spirit to reconcile us to each other, but we resist Your work to bind us together. Fill us with gratitude for the grace of being in forgiven-fellowship with You. Change our hearts, making us ever more ready to extend peace to our brothers and sisters and even our enemies. All this we pray through Jesus, the One who came from heaven to earth to reconcile us back to God...

*(Prayers of silent confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

 **† HYMN OF REPSONSE** *Thy Mercy, My God*

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

**CHURCH FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Philemon 1:8-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Paul, Philemon and Onesimus*

 Rev. Owen Stepp

**† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

**† HYMNS OF RESPONSE** *Turn Your Eyes*

 *Ye Servants of God (#17)*

**† BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *God of Grace*

*Our Prayer Team will be available to pray with anyone in the Chapel following the service.*

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