

11:00 am

February 12, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday After the Epiphany

Liturgical Color: Green

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Marisa Rogers

PRELUDE

Toccata

G. F. Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bayard Lindell

Leader: Come to rejoice together; God is present with us. Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

People: We are restored to life morning after morning. We will extol our God, who lifts us up.

Leader: Come to be washed and cleansed, forgiven and freed. Renew your commitment to the One who calls us.

People: We have come to listen for God's word to us. We will give thanks to God's holy name.

***HYMN NO. 698**

God of the Ages

National Hymn

***INVOCATION**

The Reverend Dr. C.J. Lupo

We come to you, gracious God, as a community of people who realize all is not well with us. We come longing for a wholeness that eludes us. At times, we flee from you. We are afraid to let you get too close. But today we dare to enter your presence with the intention of letting you heal us and draw us close. Hear us, God, and be gracious to us. O God, be our helper. Turn our mourning into dancing, so our souls may praise you and not be silent. Touch us with your love. Amen.

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

