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Christ Is Our Cornerstone

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Service for the Lord’s Day
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2014 10:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE:  
*Ever Faithful, Ever Near*  
by F. Ritter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT:  
*Chapel Invocation*  
J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader:  
Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

People:  
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader:  
Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

People:  
Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

*HYMN #441 PH  
*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

CALL TO CONFESSION  
(Hebrews 4:14)  
“Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God: at your word the world comes to us again fresh and new. You are not only the creator, but the re-creator of all things. Do not let us fall this day into old patterns that lead to the same tired results. Show us how to meet hostility with the energy of love. Show us how to break the cycles of fear and mistrust that cripple our families and friendships. Show us how to be the light that reflects your presence and leads others into life in all its fullness. We ask this through the One whose life revealed your good purpose for us and all people. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God who is just and merciful reproves our sinful ways, offers the grace of repentance, and frees us to live as God’s beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
P: And also with you.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (page 184)
(CEB page 146)

ANTHEM: Wings Like Eagles A. Pote

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 5:38-49 (page 1503)
(CEB page 1175)

SERMON: BE HOLY, BE PERFECT Rev. Lee Beckes

* HYMN #270 PH O God, in a Mysterious Way

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: 
Amen
B. Dietsch

OFFERING

Offertory: 
Ashokan Greeting
J. Ungar

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #145 PH
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: 
Seven-Fold Amen
P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE:
Postlude in C
M. Thomas

*Please stand in body or spirit

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