

Worship on the Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The Reverend Pamela Rose Vollinger, Guest Preacher
Organist Diane Dawson Dexter

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend Pamela Rose Vollinger,

Call to Worship

Leader: God of hope, like Joseph we have been sold into slavery.

All: **We have been controlled by forces beyond us.**

Leader: But you have set us free, and given us dignity and grace.

All: **We thank you. With gratitude and awe we worship you.**

Leader: In our worship we open our hearts to you,
like Joseph's brothers receiving the bounty of grain.

All: **Fill us with your love, that we may bless and serve others according to the power you give us.**

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, set us free from our desires to be right, to be safe, to be comfortable. With the love of Christ warm in our hearts, we turn to you to receive your Spirit, the spirit of gentleness and mercy, the spirit of courage and generosity. Bless us, that we may be vessels of your love for our neighbors, even for our enemies, in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 102 " Now, Thank We All Our God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: The grace of God is with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Trusting in God's tender mercy, we open ourselves in honesty to God.

Congregation: God of love, help us to see ourselves with the eyes of love, to see what is in us that is loving, and what is not loving.

Pastor: God, we recall those times we have acted in love, and we give thanks.

[silent prayer...]

Pastor: We recall when we have not acted in love; we call to mind those relationships in which love comes harder for us,
and we seek your grace..

[silent prayer...]

Pastor: God of mercy, in Christ you have shown us your grace.

Congregation: Forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us.

[Silent prayer ...) . Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Witness of Nature Nuthatches

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 45:3-11, 15

New Testament Luke 6: 27-38

Sermon "Love Your Enemies" Reverend Vollinger

Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Praise and Prayer Concerns

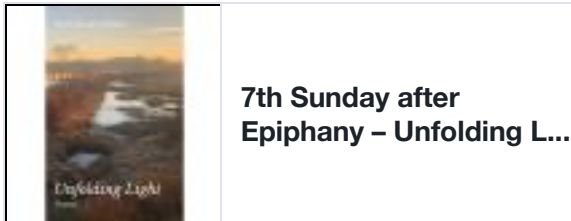
Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 572 "Pass It On"

Benediction

Reverend Vollinger

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"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."



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