



# GOLDEN RULE

Do unto others  
as you would have  
them do unto you.

- Matthew 7:12



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8AM and 10:30AM Worship  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

*Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!*

*\*indicates please stand as you are able;  
bold print indicates congregational response*

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TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC – “Be Still My Soul” – *J. Sibelius, D. Cherwien*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.  
**Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God’s actions.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.  
**The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.**

**\*HYMN #488 “Be Still My Soul”**

**\*PRAYER**

**God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good,  
sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us  
your way of grace to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses  
with blessings, to love without holding back, to give without  
thought of return; all in the name Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO PRAYER #163 “Many are the Light-beams”**  
*Many are the light-beams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.  
Many are the light-beams from the one light; we are one in Christ.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways  
or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us;  
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only  
when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your  
selfless love. Change our lives with your matchless grace. Amen.**

*MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER*

KYRIE #750

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (*Responsive*)

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**<sup>2</sup>for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

**<sup>3</sup>Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**

**<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you  
the desires of your heart.**

**<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.**

**<sup>6</sup>He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

**<sup>7</sup>Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those  
who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

**<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

**<sup>9</sup>For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait  
for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

**<sup>10</sup>Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

**<sup>11</sup>But the meek shall inherit the land,  
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

**<sup>39</sup>The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.**

**<sup>40</sup>The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from  
the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON  
"Polishing Your Gold"  
Rev. Ed Gobrecht

PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" (*Remain Seated*)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Insert*)

\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #154 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.*

*Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive,  
food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold.  
Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in  
the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

\*HYMN #543 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

\*FINAL BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE – "O Sing to the Lord (Cantad al Senor)" – C. Callahan

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*Affirmation of Faith*

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God,  
the creator of all things,  
the giver of life and breath.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
born Emmanuel, God with us,  
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
he sought to heal humanity  
by taking our brokenness upon himself,  
suffering for us, dying for us  
and being raised from the dead for our sake  
and for the sake of all the world.  
We believe that he will come again.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day,  
ever-birthing the church,  
the body of Christ in the world.  
This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth  
reminding us of the gift of faith,  
the ever presence of God  
and the promise of eternal life.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.

1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;  
bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;  
in ev-ery change God faith-ful will re-main.  
Be still, my soul: your best e-ter-nal friend  
through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
  
2. Be still, my soul: for God will un-der-take  
to guide in fu-ture days as in the past.  
Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;  
all now mys-te-rious shall be clear at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
how Je-sus' pow-er ruled them long a-go.
  
3. Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here  
when we shall be with God whom we a-dore,  
with dis-ap-point-ment gone, no grief nor fear,  
sor-row re-placed with joy for-ev-er-more.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Ps. 37:7; Ps. 46:10; 1 Tim. 4:10

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

*Refrain:*

Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Knelt at the feet of his friends,  
si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet,  
Je-su, you act-ed as ser-vant to them.

*Refrain:*

2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,  
var-ied in col-or and race,  
neigh-bors are near and far a-way.

*Refrain:*

3. These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.

*Refrain:*

4. Lov-ing puts us on our knees,  
show-ing our faith by our deeds,  
serv-ing the neigh-bors we have from you.

*Refrain:*

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Refrain:*

Frank Mason North, 1903; alt.

1. Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life,  
where sound the cries of clan and race,  
A-bove the noise of self-ish strife,  
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.
2. In haunts of wretch-ed-ness and need,  
on shad-owed thresh-olds framed with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vi-sion of your tears.
3. From ten-der child-hood's help-less-ness,  
from hu-man griefs and bur-dened toil,  
From fam-ish-ed souls, from sor-rows' stress,  
we know your heart does not re-coil.
4. The cup of wa-ter given for you  
still holds the fresh-ness of your grace;  
Yet long these mul-ti-tudes to view  
the deep com-pas-sion of your face.
5. O Sav-ior, from the moun-tain-side,  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
A-mong these rest-less throngs a-bide,  
O tread the cit-y's streets a-gain:
6. Till all shall learn com-pas-sion's might,  
And fol-low where your feet have trod,  
Till glo-rious from your realm of light,  
Shall come the cit-y of our God.