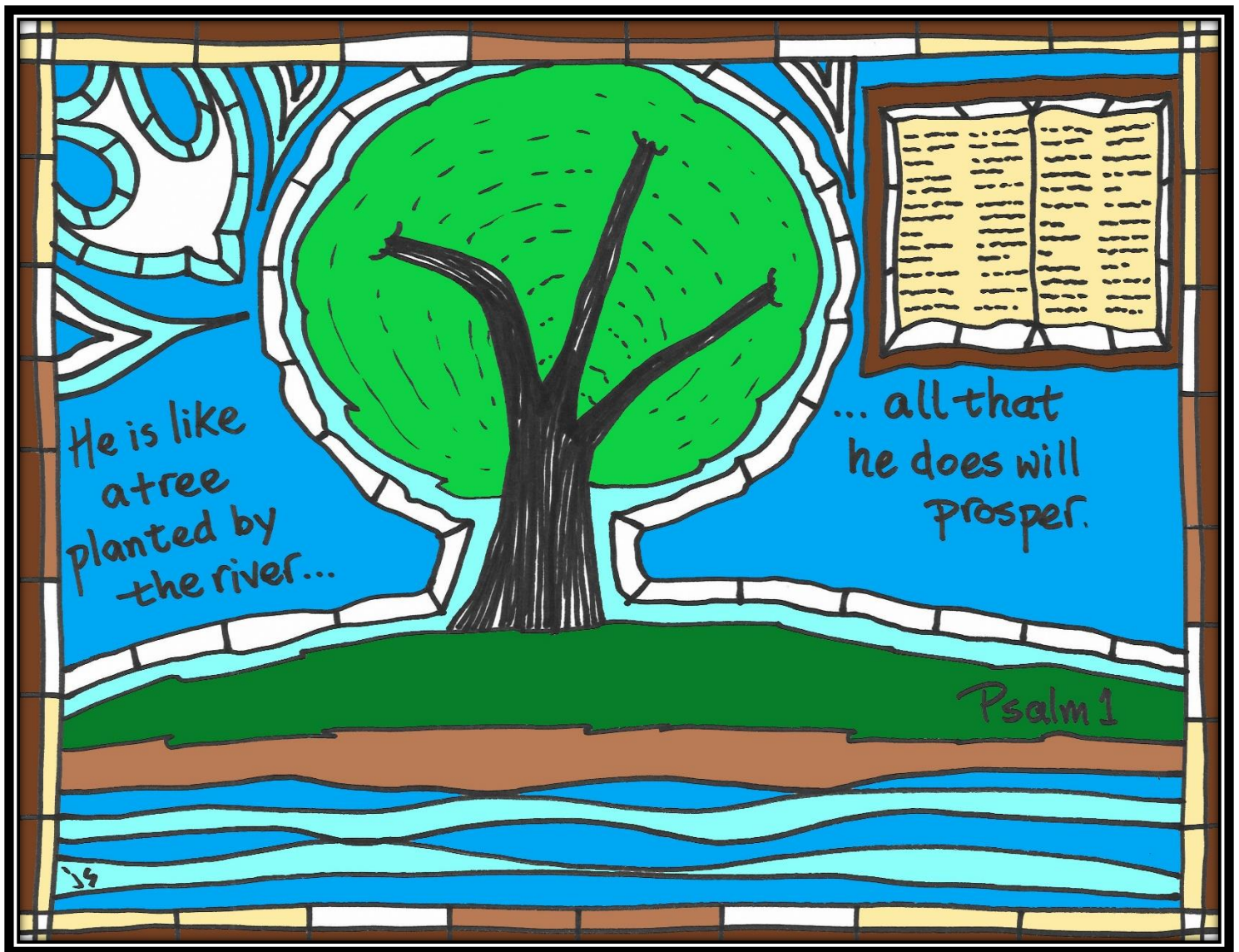


*First Presbyterian Church of Monroe*  
*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 13, 2022*



# ***GATHERING***

## **WELCOME**

Cheryl Eder

## **PRELUDE**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Cheryl Eder

Time passes, seasons change,  
but God remains steadfast and sure,  
a deeply rooted tree  
with leaves for the healing of the nations  
and the soothing of our souls.

## **\*HYMN**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

GTG 65

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Ann Lux

We wander and stray,  
but God continues to reach out to us  
with mercy and love.  
Let us make our confession  
and receive God's welcome.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sustaining God,  
you would have us be deeply rooted in you,  
finding strength in your word  
and nourishment in your grace.  
More often though, we live as chaff,  
blown here and there by the winds of circumstance.  
Forgive our lack of permanency  
and our failures to hold fast to our commitments.  
Grow us in faith  
that we might be firmly planted in your promises,  
released from sin,  
and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus.

*Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The waters of grace refresh our lives  
and bring forth a new creation.  
This is good news!  
In Christ we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

"Change My Heart, O God"

GTG 695

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Cheryl Eder

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

## A STORY FOR ALL AGES

*(a time for children young in years or young at heart)*

### WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Eder

Prepare our hearts, O God  
to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

First Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10
The Word of the Lord.	
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

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Second Reading	Psalms 1
The Word of the Lord.	
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

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Gospel Reading	Luke 6:17-26
The Word of the Lord.	
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

Ann Lux

## SERMON

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSICAL SELECTION

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**—The Apostles' Creed  
Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

Ann Lux

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

GTG 816

**OFFERING**

Cheryl Eder

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.  
Freely you have received, freely give.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

GTG 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Cheryl Eder

Blessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Ann Lux

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

GTG 353

***SENDING***

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*All who wish to do so may stand.*

*Words/images are signposts that point us to God; yet these words/images are not God.  
Realizing words have power, every effort is made to use inclusive, expansive language for God.  
You are invited to substitute word/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of worship.*

*A special welcome to our guests. Your presence among us is a gift to our beloved community. We trust God will draw you back to God's home—here at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. Would you give us the privilege of connecting with you by signing a pew card and placing it in the offering plate?*



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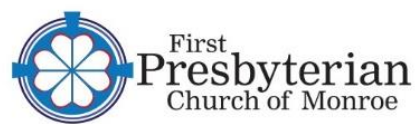
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