

**COMMUNITY PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER****MUSIC BEFORE PRAYER (MV 96, sing 2X)**

*And when you call for me,  
I have already answered.  
and when you call for me,  
I am already there.*

words: Lynn Bauman, 2000, music: Linnea Good, 2004

**HYMN - I've Got Peace Like a River - VU 577****COMMISSIONING*****Go Make a Difference* (MV 209)**

Refrain:

*Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.*

(repeat refrain)



*So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world.*

(repeat Refrain)

words and music: Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek 1997

**POSTLUDE****KNOX UNITED CHURCH**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**SINGING THE SPIRIT (MV 19)*****Maranatha***

*\*Maranatha, Maranatha,  
come Lord Jesus come.  
Maranatha, Maranatha,  
come Lord Jesus come.*

\* "*Maranatha*" is Aramaic for "*Come, Lord*"

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**CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER****HYMN - *I Feel the Winds of God* (VU 625)****LIGHTING THE TRINITY CANDLES****BAPTISM**

**Rigley Thomas Hein**

son of Debbie Marshall and Chad Hein

**GREETING GOD'S FAMILY**

*(Children and Youth may join Sunday School  
in the lower church hall)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HOLY CONVERSATION**

Into the welcoming space of God's Spirit, we pray. Sometimes we discover that it's hard to pray - our past, our present, or our worried future gets in the way. We reach in and reach out, searching for God, but our hearts come up empty. We open our minds and our lips, but our soul is too dry and too lifeless for truth. We fill the discomfort of silence with familiar phrases, but they ring hollow and empty. We speak words of transformation, change and newness, even while we avoid any real intention, and our hearts are left as cold as stone.

Then, we are astonished when the welcoming embrace of the Holy One floods our soul. From deep within, a voice arises - our voice, and God's voice too, as one voice together. Our heart finds its way in humble words of trust and hope, and the poetry of the Spirit sets a new rhythm. We encounter Jesus as our close companion, in the depths of truth and the heights of his mission in the world. Our prayer is now from a soul who has faced emptiness and then been filled by the Eternal Source.

In silence and in song, in relationship and in solitude, we can never be far from the One who brings vision and hope, comfort and challenge. May we and those with whom we share life's journey, find wonder and hope in God, direction and comfort in Jesus, and powerful new life in the Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN - *I Am A Child of God* (MV 157)**

**WORDS FROM OUR SCRIPTURES**

**Hebrew Scriptures**

Choose life

**Deuteronomy 30:19**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 5:21-26**

Being reconciled with those who harm you

**ANTHEM *Open My Eyes***

*Open my eyes and I shall see;  
incline my heart and I shall desire;  
order my steps and I shall walk  
in the ways of your commandments.*

*O God, be my only Lord,  
and beside you let there be none else,  
no other, none else with you.*

*Teach me to worship you,  
and serve you in all my undertakings  
with truth and spirit, with honor of body,  
with blessing of mouth, both in public and private.*

words: Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626) music: K. Lee Scott

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN - *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* (VU 356)**

**MISSION MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**Gift of Music during the Offering**

***"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"***

*Prayer of St. Francis - Sebastian Temple, arranged by Mark Barnard  
Doug McCosh and Anne Stephenson*