

First Congregational Church

January 19, 2014

Second Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

*Epiphany means "showing" or better, "showing up":
The Light shows up in unexpected (odd, outrageous!) places,
and we open our eyes and say "Oh look! It's God!"
Those who are able may stand where marked (*).*

Gathering: #578 "Trusting Jesus" vs. 1, Choir; vs. 2 & 3, All

Welcome and Announcements: Lars Nielson

Opening Prayer

Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte

Call to Worship: 1Corinthians 1:4-9

One: Let us give thanks to God all the time
for the grace God has given us in Jesus!

**All: Through him we've been given great wealth in all things,
in speech and in every kind of knowledge.**

One: The witness of Jesus is taking root in us:

**All: God's gifts are abundant; there's nothing we lack
as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

One: He will strengthen our footing, sustain us to the end,
so we can stand blameless in the day of the Lord.

**All: God is faithful; and God has called us to live
in the fellowship of Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord.
O come, let us lift up our voices in praise!
Alleluia! Give thanks to God!**

*Hymn: #359 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Anthem: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" *Althouse*

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration
(Please fill out a blue card in the pew)
Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music
*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn: #562 "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture: Psalm 40:1-11

Sermon: "When all I can see are the walls of the Pit . . ."

*Hymn: #563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

*Benediction

*Response: #578 "Trusting Jesus" *vs. 4*

Postlude and Ministry of the Acolyte