

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove on the long wall of the Thin Place Gallery.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year C, Seventh Sunday of Epiphany,
February 23: Genesis 45:3-11, 15;
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;
Luke 6:27-38.

Lectionary Year C, Transfiguration Sunday, **March 2:**
Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2,
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43).



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February 23, 2025 10 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

LARGE PRINT

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Jared Gill.

Centering Music *Assurance* - arr. J.B. Taylor

* Call to Worship

One: The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It moves us beyond retribution
and cycles of violence.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It leads us to enemy-love
and scandalous forgiveness.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.

All: God's ways are not our ways.

One: So let us commit our way to the Lord together
until our righteousness shines like the dawn
and our justice like high noon.

**All: Happy are those who delight
in the law of the Holy One.**

***Opening Hymn** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imaging. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessings we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

* **Sung Response** *Glory to God,* Song sheet
 Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *Luke 6:27-38*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Genesis 45:3-11, 50:20-21*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Give Me Jesus* - arr. Tom Treney
 Katie Long, soprano; Rebecca Oden Pugh, piano

All Things New - Elaine Hagenberg
 APC Choir

Amazing Grace - arr. John Carter
 Rebecca Oden Pugh, piano

How Great Thou Art - arr. Dan Forrest
 Katie Long, soprano; Rebecca Oden Pugh, piano

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul* - arr. R.O. Pugh

* **Doxology** *Praise God,* Song sheet
 from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **Sending Hymn** *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*
 Song sheet

Feel free to come forward during the closing song to light a candle, as a public sign of an inward commitment to life in the light of Christ.

If your religious tradition includes crossing yourself, feel free to do that here.

You may kneel on the steps to the pulpit platform, should you wish to take an attitude of deeper prayer.

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music