

# ReNEWed: Spirit

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18, 2026 – 11:00 AM

## AS WE GATHER

There are times in our lives when it becomes apparent that God is placing a new thing within us. It can coincide with the changing of the year, the changing of the seasons, the changing of life circumstances, or the changing of a physical location. Whatever the reason, what is clear is that God is interested in moving each of us into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with him. This can be scary. It can be hard. And it can be confusing. Either way, if we can recognize these times when God wants to renew us, we can lean in and allow him to do his good work, guided and led by His Holy Spirit.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE SING

**"Lord, Reign In Me"**  
**"Come What May"**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: The commands of the Lord are words of life.

**C: But as they speak to our hearts, they reveal our sin and our need for the Savior.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silent time for personal reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most holy and merciful Father: I confess in Your presence the sinfulness of my nature. My walk is not blameless, Davids words in the Psalm describe my life to well. So much of what I do is not righteous. You alone know how much I have sinned. I've often ignored Your good guidance and have wandered in my own foolish directions. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Forgive my sins, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Savior. Restore in me a new and willing spirit to follow You. Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Psalm 51:10-12**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 19:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

<sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

## KIDS' TIME

*DCE Liz Peters*

## THE MESSAGE

**"God's Renewal"**

*Pastor Doug Slavens*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

# **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## **WORDS OF PREPARATION & INSTITUTION**

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: And also with you.**

### **SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION:**

**"God Really Loves Us"**

**"Never Once"**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **WE PRAY TO OUR LORD**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE CLOSING BLESSING**

### **WE SING**

**"Good God Almighty"**

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## **OUR OFFERINGS**

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!  
We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the  
blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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throughout the worship center.