

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Third Sunday After Epiphany*

January 21, 2024

10:00 am

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Introit

*I Danced in the Morning (Hymn 157)*

The Call To Worship

God is our rock and our salvation.

**God is our fortress; we shall not be shaken.**

Power belongs to God!

**And steadfast love belongs to our God.**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Mighty God, you speak, and light appears, so do fish in the sea, birds of the air, and all animals and creeping things. You speak and the earth bursts forth with greening and rolling seas. You speak, summoning your people to life and service, Creator God! We thank you for the power of your voice, giving life and meaning and purpose to our days. We respond in awe and praise, offering all honor and glory to you for the wonders you perform. Amen.**

\*The Hymn 10

*Sing Glory to the Name of God*

*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The name of God is wild and free, a while in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by temple choir:*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three in One:*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness...silent prayer...Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Thanks be to God for the grace we receive in Christ Jesus!**

\*The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen*

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Jonah 3:1-5,10*

Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 62:5-12*

Anthem

*You Are Mine*

Hass/Hayes, arr.

*I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.  
I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.  
Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.  
I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.  
Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.  
I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give,  
I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!  
Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Moment with Children

\*The Hymn 170

*You Walk along Our Shoreline*

*You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.  
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.  
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."  
You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.  
We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.  
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:14-20*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

*What Do You Do For a Living?*

Kim Clayton

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD...

\*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts and sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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.

Tithes and Offerings Presented

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

\*The Hymn 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

\*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Paul and Debbie Leimer in memory of their parents, Peggy & Gene Brower and Helen & Kenneth Leimer, and in honor of their children and grandchildren to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessings of family.*

#### **Today's Worship Leaders:**

*Preacher: Kim Clayton*

*Liturgists: Will Hendricks, Jen Rowe*

*Choirmasters: MaryAnn and Larry Casey*

*Organist: Brooks Kuykendall*

*Ushers: Linda Benn and Linda Spratt*

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