

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Gathering Music

“Grateful” (MV # 182)



Welcome

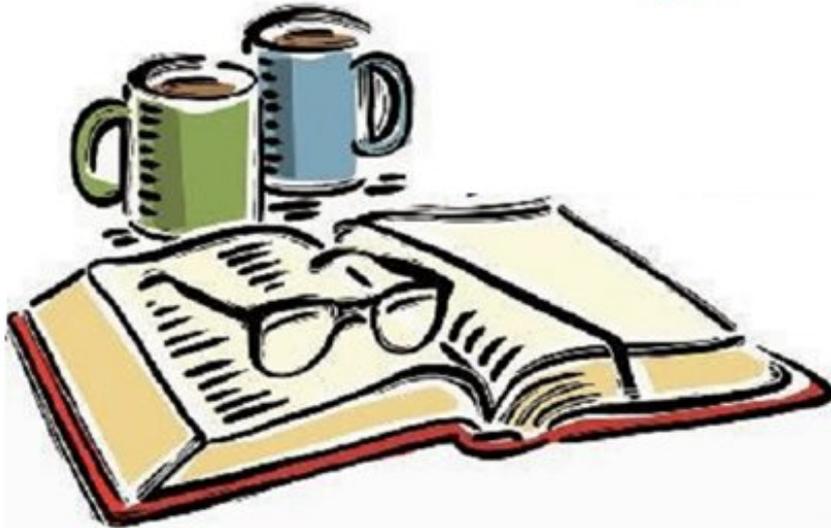


Announcements

Celebrate Family Day on February 15th !
Please email Your family PET's picture to
thx4ualways@gmail.com
before February 10th.



Bible Study



Christian Living

All are
welcome !
Thursday
February 05
@ 7:00 pm
By Zoom

Light the Christ Candle



We light the Christ candle each week, as a reminder that the presence of Jesus guides our lives. We celebrate this light of Jesus as the love that transforms how we live our lives and challenges us to seek justice and peace for all. Amen.

ARRANGED BY PATTI SKENNAK



Prelude

“He Keeps Me Singing”

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**For those who live in a land of deep shadows –
light ! Sunbursts of light !**

You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy;

Oh, they're so glad in your presence ! Festival joy.

Come, let us worship God. **Amen.**

- 1 Arise, your light is come !
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

- 2 Arise, your light is come !
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come !
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come !
The mountains burst in song !
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

Prayer of Confession

Most of the time we rush to and fro in confusion and in fear, without aim or direction, responding to the most immediate demand for our attention. We worry that there is not enough time in our day, or space in our lives for one more “to do” from God. We close our ears to God’s call on our lives. We fear that turning to God could be the time drain that sinks our schedules and brings our lives to a tipping point.



Gracious God, may you forgive our preoccupation and our lives ordered by panic and pressure from co-workers, acquaintances, friends, and calendars; call us again to seek your face and follow the Christ. As we turn to you, may you help us see this tipping point as an opportunity to see the whole world and our lives in a new light. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep shadows – light !
Sunbursts of light !

**Thanks be to God, our light and our salvation !
Amen.**

Time with the Young People

by Cathy

Minutes for Mission



Children Song “Shine Your Light” *sung by Refugees*

(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)



The Scriptures

read by Wendy

First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: one of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel - not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the Cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Second Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali - to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.

They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Hymn MV # 161 *“I Have Called You By Your Name”*

1.

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

2.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your
soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

3.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in Creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in
spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

4.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded
children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Prayers of the People

We are here, O Love, giving praise for the love that surrounds us, nourishes us, inspires us. We are here together, giving thanks for the love that gathers us, includes us, unites us. We are here inside, where it's warm and dry and safe, giving praise and thanks for the love that shelters us, embraces us, protects us.

Caring God, where is love for so many who need it, we ask ? Where is love for those of us sleeping in shelters or tents or on the street ? For those of us with no community, no safety, no embrace ?

We experience your ancient cry, Holy One, to do justice, to live kindness, to be humble, the cry of prophets, the cry of the Christ, the cry of all those, here in our midst and everywhere, who echo the challenge:

Loose the bonds, undo the thongs of the yoke, share bread, create homes for those without shelter. We pray that this will be our fast, our calling, our work as a community, not just to feed and clothe but to lift up the cries for help in our time, so that holy light will break forth like the dawn, healing spring up quickly, and ancient ruins be rebuilt.

Loving God, may you send the mind of Christ to us, again and again we pray that we may know when to provoke, when to soothe, when to wade into the crowd, and when to withdraw to the hills. We pray for all people, near and far, and for this gorgeous planet, in all its power and frailty.

And now we lift prayers for ourselves and all others, prayers of gratitude and concern, that a light shall arise in the midst of despair and gloom shall become like noonday. *(a time of silent prayer)*

And now give us one heart, O God, as we sing Christ's prayer...



**VU #
960**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering VU # 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

Offering Prayer

**God, we pray that these gifts we offer will be
a witness to our faith in your Good News,
revealed through your Son. Through the
healing of the sick, the feeding of the hungry,
and the freeing of the captive, may our gifts
proclaim to the world that your Kingdom is
near. Amen.**



1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail
not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness !
Great is thy faithfulness !
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath
provided
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !

2 Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness !

Great is thy faithfulness !

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided

great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide,
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness !

Great is thy faithfulness !

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me !**

Blessing

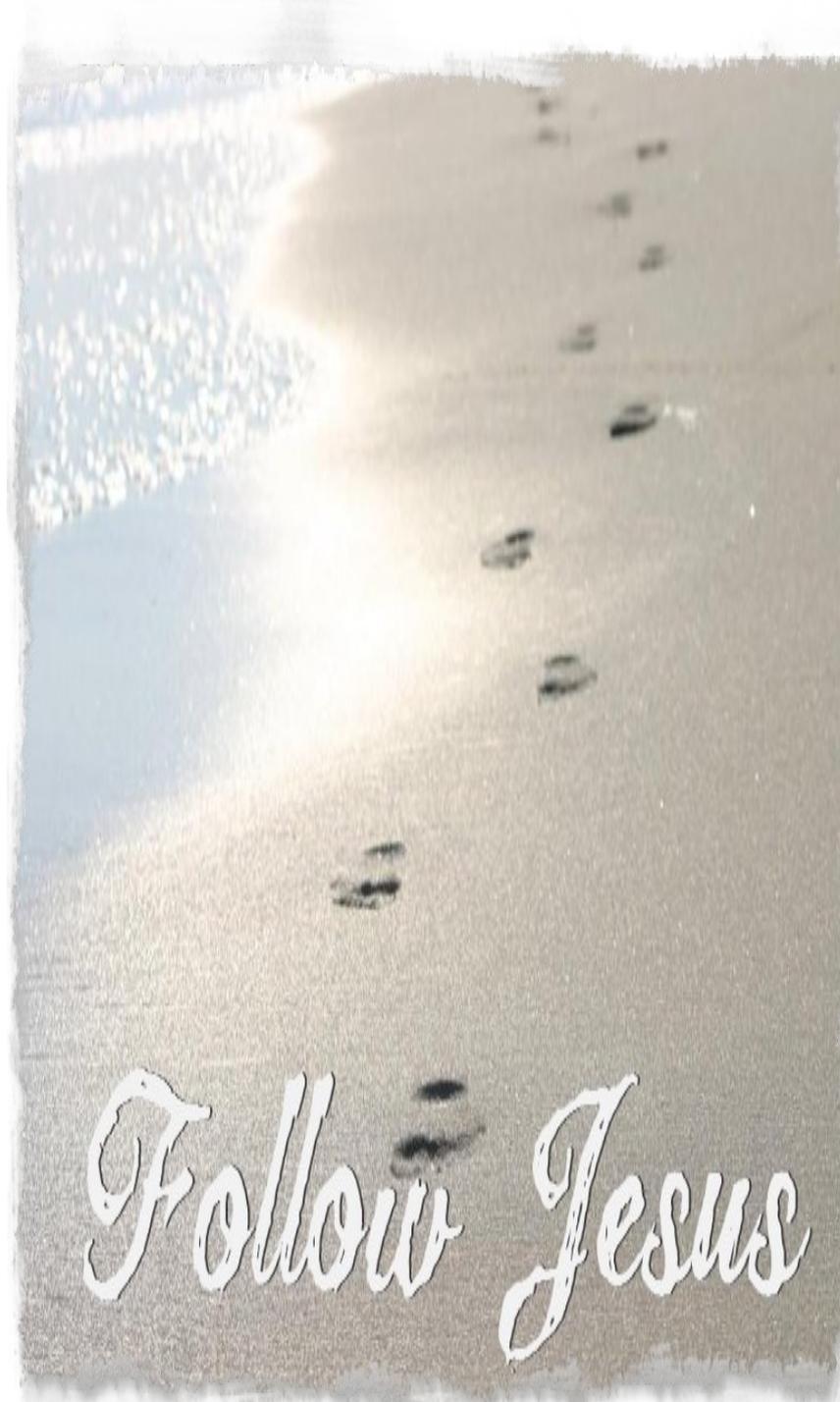
Jesus calls us to follow.

Thanks be to God !

Our heart says, “Come on,
let’s go.”

Hallelujah !

The Grace of Christ attend
you, the Love of God
surround you, and the Holy
Spirit keep you. **Amen.**





Commissioning *“Go Now in Peace”*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen. amen. amen.

**We thank God
for being with us.**

And

thank you

Congregation

for worshipping today

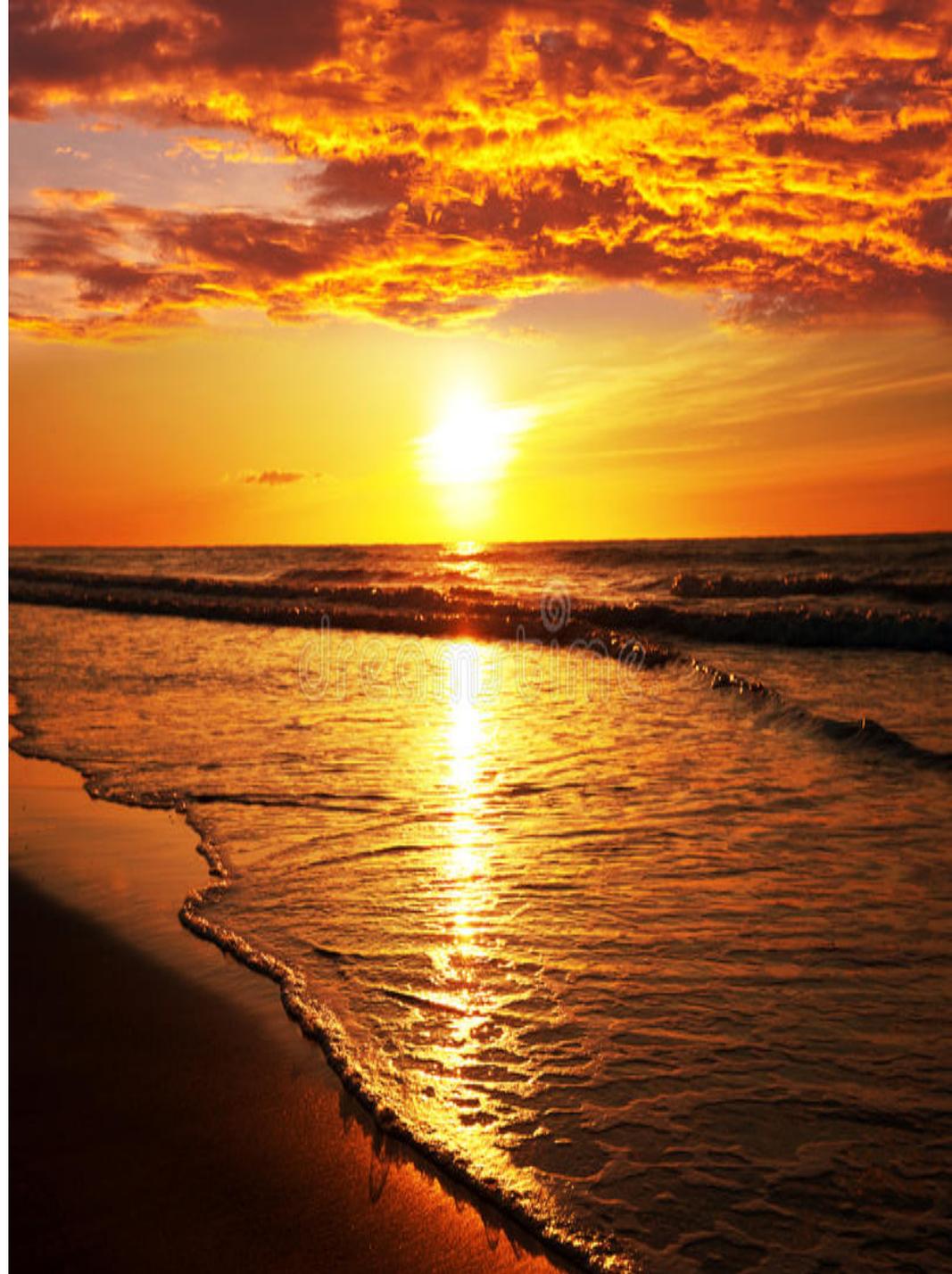
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and by Zoom

and

for your participation

in the Service !



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{ A short devotional Time }

“Moses cried out to the Lord.” Exodus 15:25

In times of need, we can avoid grumbling by asking God for help as Moses did. Whether His help comes in miraculous ways, practical provision, people’s assistance, or the strength to endure, we can trust that He hears and cares for us.

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by Karen Huang*