

Order of Worship

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 22, 2023 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church;
We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You’re our joy and prize.
To see the captives’ hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause. We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.

Chorus:

**Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near the far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church;
We are the hope on earth. *Chorus*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 9:1-4

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:12-25

¹² Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"Here I Am To Worship"

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

**So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the Earth you created, all for love's sake became poor. *Chorus*

And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross. *Chorus*

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Jesus's Message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is it hand.""
Matthew 4:12-25

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.

OFFERING

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 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.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?"
 Fields are white and harvests waiting, "Who will bear the sheaves away?"
 Loud and long the master calls you; Rich reward he offers free.
 Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I. Send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul.
 You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say he died for all.
 If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms.
 You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
 Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
 With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God demands;
 You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly; Let His work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when He calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"

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"When The Fight Calls"

You've overcome this world with love and made my fight Your own.
I lift my eyes and throw fear aside and sing out into the night.

'Cause even when the world caves, even when the fight calls,
even when the war's waged, I'll take heart.
I know You are greater, forever You are Savior.
I will sing Your praise with all that I have, with all that I am, Lord.

I'll stare down the waves 'cause You own the tide.
I'll still my soul and know
You wait for me on waters wild where faith walks above the storm.

'Cause even when the world caves, even when the fight calls,
even when the war's waged, I'll take heart.
I know You are greater, forever You are Savior.
I will sing Your praise with all that I have, with all that I am, Lord.
I will sing Your praise with all that I have, with all that I am, Lord.

I won't let the storm weather my heart, won't let the darkness beat me down.
Sing in the night, my hope alive in You.
I'll walk through the fire and not be burned, pray in the fight and watch it turn.
Jesus, tonight, I give it all to You. *Repeat*

Even when the world caves, even when the fight calls,
even when the war's waged, I'll take heart.
I know You are greater, forever You are Savior.
I will sing Your praise with all that I have, with all that I am, Lord.
With all that I am, Lord.

I won't let the storm weather my heart, won't let the darkness beat me down.
Sing in the night, my hope alive in You.
I'll walk through the fire and not be burned, pray in the fight and watch it turn.
Jesus, tonight, I give it all to You.

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I'll walk through the fire and not be burned, pray in the fight and watch it turn.
Jesus, tonight, I give it all to You.

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Rock Of Ages You Will Stand"

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God;
My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God.
Rock of ages, You will stand, our foundation 'til the end;
Never failing, God unchanging, Rock of ages, You will stand.

When darkness seems to hide Your face, I rest on Your unchanging grace;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil;
Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your love, oh God.
Rock of ages, You will stand, our foundation 'til the end;
Never failing, God unchanging, Rock of ages, You will stand.

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POSTLUDE

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Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams
Terri Green

Alexander Hernandez
Jeanne Kelly

Brad Morton
Jan Morton
Don Vick