



**January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday After Epiphany  
Traditional Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able  
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space  
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

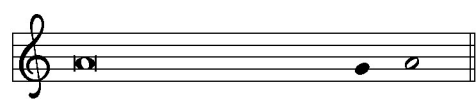
*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.


Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*Congregation responses are in bold print*

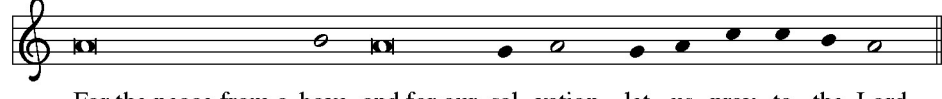
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.  
**And also with you.**




In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



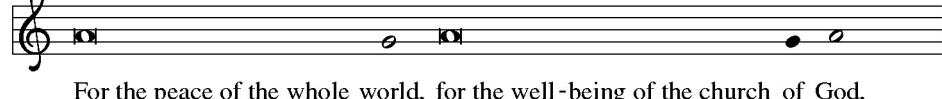
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



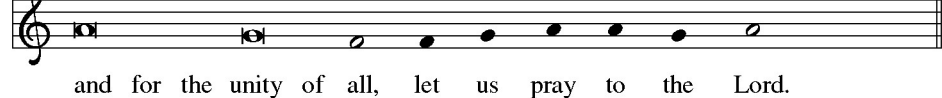
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



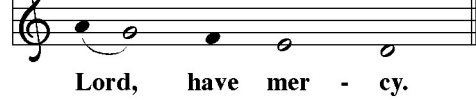
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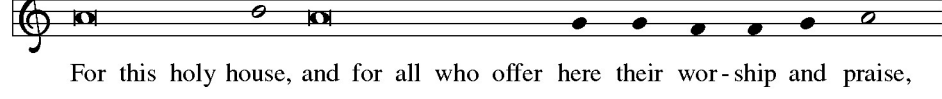
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



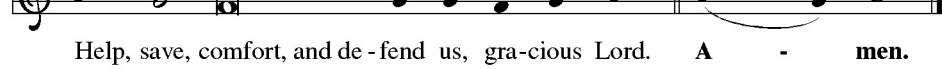
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PM: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



*Please be seated*

A reading from Jonah: (Jonah 3:1-5,10, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 668)

The reading concludes with:  
Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalm Paraphrase  
(Read responsively  
the indented lines)

**Psalm 62:5-12**  
**Paraphrased by Pastor William**

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God, oh how I long for you,  
my hope is grounded in you.  
You are my rock-solid foundation,  
nothing can shake me up.  
You catapult me out of worry,  
my confidence is in you.  
I wish others would trust you,  
follow your ways,  
take shelter in you.

We humans are dust and breath,  
we're here but for a moment,  
and then we are gone.  
We build up wealth and prestige,  
but it vanishes in an instant.  
We count on ourselves,  
but that is folly,  
for the truth is;  
you are our strength,  
you are our love,  
you give what we need.

A reading from 1 Corinthians: (1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 130)

The reading concludes with:  
Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(Mark 1:14-20, Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 27)

The reading concludes with:  
The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

Children’s Time with Pastor

Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o’er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life’s wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world’s gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”;  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus’ sake.  
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”  
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

AM: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence for personal prayer*

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and all faith communities to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,  
**Randy Cizek, Gail Vogt, Randy Elsass, Laurel Venable, Casey Walters and Liam Medina**

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

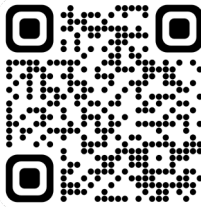
*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,  
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

PM: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.  
**We thank you, O God.**

*Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

**in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

**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. Forever and ever. Amen.**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome.  
Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you;  
come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

By: William F. Sherwin &  
Dennis R. Johnson

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

AM: Let us pray,

**Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life  
by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements



*Please stand as you are able*

PM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,  
**Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus’s sake. Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen**

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.  
Then follow it out to join in God’s work.*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four vocal parts with the following lyrics: 1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near. 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you. The second system contains four vocal parts with the following lyrics: re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend. I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear. a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

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**Today's Worship Leaders**

Assisting Minister: Beth Heller  
Acolyte: Kenadi Medina  
Accompanist: Steve Moore  
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach &  
Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Juanita Cignetti  
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek  
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C Weidenbach Jr.  
Reader: Nick Cignetti  
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek  
Flowers by: LeBeau Family in loving memory of  
Dean LeBeau

**January 28, 2024 Worship Leaders**

Assisting Minister: Linda Weidenbach  
Acolyte: Ben Keith  
Accompanist: Steve Moore  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes  
and Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle & Harriett Bowers  
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek  
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C.  
Weidenbach Jr.  
Reader: Renee Keith  
Trustees: Randy Elsass and Brian Milek  
Flowers by: In glory of our Lord, and in honor  
of our neighbors