

# Third Sunday after Epiphany



Maryland Department of Labor

January 22, 2023 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

# **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

# **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude** 

Near the Cross, arr. John Carter

Welcome



# **Hymn**

# We Are One in the Spirit



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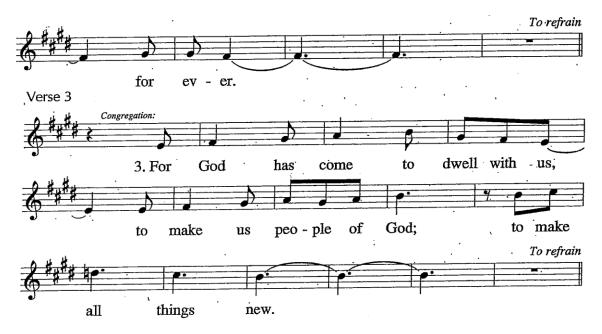
# **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

# **Hymn of Praise**





Please be seated



# **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

# Reading

I Corinthians 1:10-18 (The Message)

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth

- I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.
- I bring this up because some from Chloe's family brought a most disturbing report to my attention—that you're fighting among yourselves! I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I'm in the Messiah group."
- I ask you, "Has the Messiah been chopped up in little pieces so we can each have a relic all our own? Was Paul crucified for you? Was a single one of you baptized in Paul's name?" I was not involved with any of your baptisms—except for Crispus and Gaius—and on getting this report, I'm sure glad I wasn't. At least no one can go around saying he was baptized in my name. (Come to think of it, I also baptized Stephanas's family, but as far as I can recall, that's it.)
- Christ didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words.
- The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written,

I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head,

I'll expose so-called experts as shams.

So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God took delight in using what the world considered stupid—preaching, of all things!—to bring those who trust into the way of salvation.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 27:1, 4-9



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The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-I on a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

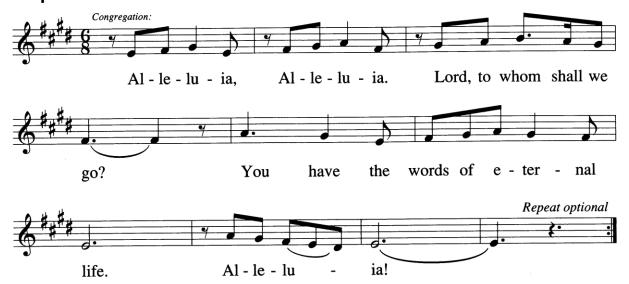
Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call; have mercy on me and I answer me.

My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- I vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of I my salvation.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23 (New Living Translation, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee. He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:

"In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali,

beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River,

in Galilee where so many Gentiles live,

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light.

And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined."

From then on Jesus began to preach, "Change your hearts and minds, for the Beloved Community is near."

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about God's Reign. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message Recalled to Life

# **Ministry of Music**

Fishers of Men

Becky Buller

Emily Kent, Karen Kent, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey

**Refrain**: "Rise and follow Me; I'll make you worthy. Rise and follow Me, I'll make you fishers of men." Repeat

Peter, John and James could never be the same after they heard Him say, "I'll make you fishers of men." *Refrain* 

Cast your nets aside and join the battle's tide. He will be your guide to make you fishers of men. *Refrain* 

Jesus bore the cross to gather in the lost. Oh what a mighty cost to set us free from sin. *Refrain* 

# **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# **Community Prayers**

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kelley Frank, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Shirley Miller and family on the death of her son-in-law Rick Henry The people of Zion Lutheran Church, Danville; Redeemer community member Kav Ernsthausen

#### Children's Time

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

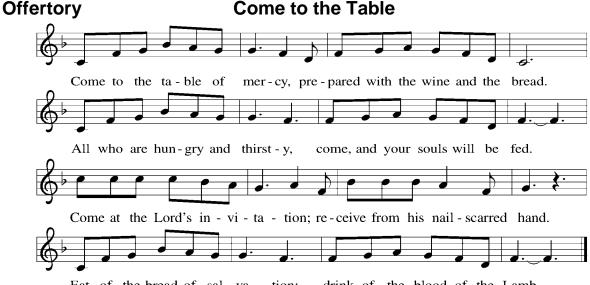
We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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# **Great Thanksgiving**



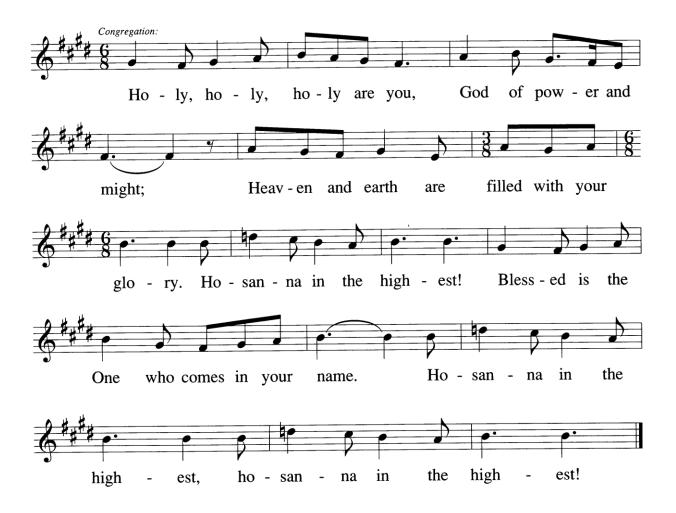
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

# Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# **Sharing the Meal**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

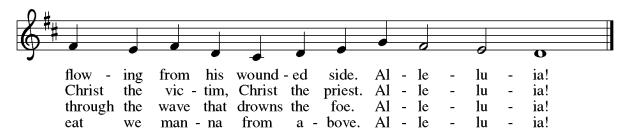
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. If you come forward and desire a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor at that time.





Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

#### **Hymn** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing At Lamb's high we the feast sing praise to di - vine Praise we Christ, whose love his gives Where the poured pas - chal blood death's dread Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal rious king, who has washed us the tide vic our to in gives his blood for wine, bod - y for the feast sa - cred an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go vic - tim, chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty pas and love



- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
  This alone can sin destroy;
  from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
  newborn souls in you to be.
  Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng, 1566

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

#### **WE ARE SENT**

Please stand in body or spirit



Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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Blessing Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Postlude**

Great is Thy Faithfulness, arr. John Carter

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

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Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community



Sunday, January 22 In conjunction with 11:15 Adult Ed class

#### Lest Innocent Blood be Shed

Philip Hallie

At 11:15, we'll watch the documentary "Weapons of the Spirit," which tells the story of the book. We'll watch the film, discuss it, and discuss the book. Those who don't wish to stay for the book discussion can leave at any time. Bring a brownbag lunch if you would like. We plan to be finished by 2 pm.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

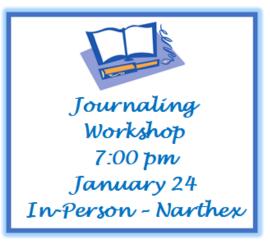
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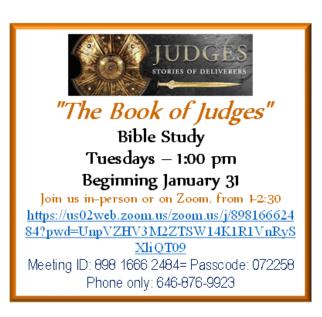
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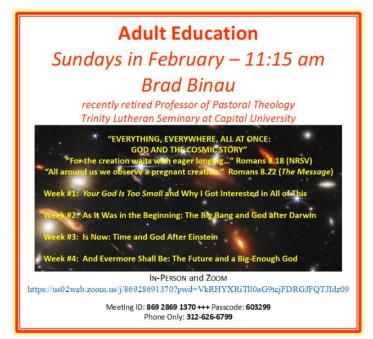


# Sister Act

### **IMAGINE**

... how a church would come back from a disaster Wednesday, January 25 6:30 pm – in person only

Please join us for fellowship and service



### **OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Presiding Minister** David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Jon Disbro **ASL Interpreter** Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago Jon Disbro, Marit Johnson Readers Jennifer Young Cantor **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chimes Choir Director** Karen Kent **Usher** Kathleen Zwanziger Verger Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro **Producers** Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Karen Rider Communion Prep **Hospitality** Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson

Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird** in memory of **Judy's father Oscar Tieman**.

Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

### THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 22 - 29

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person / Livestream Worship
	11:15 am	with Holy Communion IN-PERSON / ZOOM Adult Education and Book Study Group
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Monday	7:30 pm	In-Person / Zoom Worship Team
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sister Act
Saturday	10am-noon	Council Retreat
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person / Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Annual Congregational Meeting Potluck Dinner

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