

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit, who called out those ancient writings, continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

-- arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Psalm 143:1-2"

Hal Hopson, 2006

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;
Faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me.
Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;
Knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As people of Christ,

People: We seek to be of the same mind as Christ.

Leader: As people of Christ,

People: We seek to have the same love as Christ.

Leader: As people of Christ,

People: We seek to do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit.

Leader: As people of Christ,

People: We seek to look to the interests of others.

Leader: As people of Christ,

People: We come together this morning to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord! Let us worship joyfully!

***Hymn** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” #649

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Waiting God, you know us all too well. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities for service than to help bring about changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus’ name, we offer this prayer. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** “Spirit of the Living God” #288

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 19

Choir Anthem “Break Forth in Joyful Song”

Robert Leaf, 1971

Break forth in joyful song; sing alleluia
With happy voices praise the King.
Come with a song of praise; sing alleluia.
All through the world His praise shall ring.
(refrain) God is the King of kings, let all nations praise him.
 To God our praise we bring, praise the King of kings.
God is our help and strength; he is our refuge;
He keeps us in his love and care.
God’s people shall receive eternal blessing;
Let hymns of glory fill the air. (refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus’ Mission Statement” Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (11.2)

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, forgiving 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.

*Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#451

Prayers of the People and 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.

Invitation to Offering

*Response

Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God’s People

*Closing Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#610

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

"We Are the Church"



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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*Postlude "We Are One in the Spirit"

-- arr. Lani Smith

Pastors: Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Cherie Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs, Sebastian Oty