

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 24, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God who calls, we gather together and wonder what it sounds like, what it feels like, what will occur when you call us. We have set aside this precious time to ponder the question of who we are when you are with us, and who you are when we are with you. Call to us and awaken us to your invitation. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

OPENING HYMN: AMAZING GRACE

- 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 My God has promised good to me,
whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Unison: Jesus emerges from the water.

Pastor: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

Unison: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Pastor: Jesus is named. Claimed.

Unison: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Pastor: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Unison: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1 – 5; 10

Psalter: Psalm 62:5 – 12

Epistle: I Corinthians 7:29 – 31

Gospel: Mark 1:14 – 20

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: *HALLELUJAH* – Leonard Cohen

Darin Jellison

SERMON: *Just Stop What You're Doing*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Gracious God, we learn of you from one another. We humbly speak the names of those who have taught us of your love and ask that you bless and keep them.

Speak aloud or in silence some of these names

We discover you when you call us by name. We speak our names aloud and remember that you know each of us and call each of us by name.

Speak aloud or in silence some of these names

We trust that you know the truth and will share it with us so that we may be honest and courageous always. This is why we want to share aloud one thing we know to be good about the world in which we live.

Speak aloud or in silence something to celebrate

We hope in your care for all that concerns us. We name aloud the circumstances that cause pain, death, danger, and frustration in the lives of our neighbors and all of creation.

Pause for private intercessions

Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass.

We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

SPECIAL MUSIC: WORD OF GOD SPEAK – MercyMe

Darin Jellison

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Unison: God who calls us by name, shouting truth in the streets, we dedicate a gift of gratitude to you for your use. We have toiled and felt the weight of futility. So, we come now in earnest hope and faith to offer what we have, do what we can, and let go of the outcome. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN: *LEAD ON ETERNAL SOVEREIGN*

- 1 Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation, your grace has made us strong,
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.
- 2 Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.
- 3 Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,
to love and serve each other for all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Special thanks to **Darin Jellison** for sharing
special music and to the **Kosers** for filming the service.
Blessings to all!*