

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

January 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

People: **O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.** Psalm 5:1-3

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: **For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.** Psalm 30:5

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** #611

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of glory, we confess that we have not loved you will all our heart, soul, mind and strength. You call us to follow Jesus, but we are afraid to walk in faith. You call us to be one in Christ, but we continue to quarrel and fight. Forgive us, and give us grace. As you have sent a Savior to us, send us out as witnesses to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us** Dvořák

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

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Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The Lord says, "Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong,

People: **Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.**

Leader: Come now, let us reason together;

People: **Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."** Isaiah 1:16-18

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to your word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great expectation. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 37:1-11**

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

People: **Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.**

Leader: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

People: **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.**

Leader: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

People: **Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

Leader: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

People: **For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

Leader: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

People: **But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

Scripture Reading: **Numbers 12:1-8**

Anthem: **Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long** G. F. Handel/Hopson

Time for Young Disciples

Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.

*Hymn:

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

From Psalm 23
Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862

HE LEADETH ME: L. M. with Refrain
William B. Bradbury, 1864

1. He lead-eth me: O bless-ed thought! O words with heav-en-ly com-fort fraught!
2. Some-times 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
4. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-tory's won,

What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis His hand that lead - eth me.
Con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead - eth me.

REFRAIN
He lead-eth me, He lead - eth me; By His own hand He lead-eth me:

His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me. A-MEN.

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:5**

Sermon: **Kingdom Living: Blessed Are the Meek**

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: from The Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful *people*. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all *people* stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for *humankind*.

*Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #65

*Benediction

*Choral Response: *Blest Are They* #172
Josie Peck, leader

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Michael Maurer Clarice Miller
Amy Maurer Hamp Miller

Shepherd: Margaret Sultenfuss

Liturgist: John Moore

Reader: Robin Moore

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 27

4:30 pm Bowling and Pizza

Monday, January 28

9:00 am Prayer Group
1:00 pm Circle meeting
5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, January 29

5:15 pm Handbell practice

Wednesday, January 30

10:00 am Sanctuary Guild
7:30 pm Choir practice

Sunday, February 3

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Children's Choir
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Communion Reception
5:00 pm Youth

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

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³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

~ Matthew 5:3-5