

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 22, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

**ALL: Like fresh candles, we have come to be set ablaze.**

One: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

**ALL: Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.**

One: Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

**ALL: We bring our full selves to worship of the Living God. Praise be.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      "God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us"      No. 100

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN      (congregation sings)

***Where Children Belong***

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER      "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"      No. 500 (vs. 1 & 2)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

One: Most Holy Friend, your goodness always tests our readiness to receive it. Please  
increase our eagerness for you and enlarge our ability  
to share your love around.

**ALL: Gracious God, steer us through times of temptation,  
And deliver us from evil.**

One: On this Sunday we think of those who are being acutely tempted:  
tempted to look the other way  
when wrong is happening in their workplace;  
tempted to misuse their gifts for a sordid purpose;  
tempted to allow untamed emotions to hold sway;  
tempted by the corrupting power that so easily surrounds money;  
and those tempted to stay in a rut  
rather than strike out on new paths for Christ Jesus.

**ALL: Generous God, steer us through times of temptation,  
And deliver us from evil.**

One: We also pray for those who seem to be in a position of advantage:  
the happy, that their happiness may always be used  
for goodwill and compassion;

the strong, that their energies may be used wisely and gently;  
the clever, that they may employ their mental facility for good not evil;  
for the rich, that their wealth may be shared for the uplifting of the poor;

for the powerful and politically connected,  
that they may use their position as a blessing to humanity;  
and those of strong faith, that they may walk humbly  
and affirm the weaker souls.

**ALL: Righteous God, steer us through times of temptation,  
And deliver us from evil.**

One: And now most Holy Friend, we pray for each other in this church. None of us know  
the extent of the pressures that some may be under this very day.  
Look upon us all, read our thoughts and weigh our feelings, and by your utter  
resourcefulness, "save us in the time of trial and deliver us from all evil." For we pray  
in the spirit of Christ who taught us to say to you –

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG**

CHORAL ANTHEM "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Patti Drennan  
All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all! Ye chosen seed of Israel's  
race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all! Let every kindred, every tribe, On this  
terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all! Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join  
the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 10: 13; Psalm 46: 1-3, 5 (NT p. 172; OT p. 517)  
Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

*Half Truths:*

SERMON "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

A CREED INSPIRED BY OUR 2016 8TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS (see insert)  
GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory Hymn "Grace Alone" No. 2162

\*Doxology No. 95  
**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.**

\*Unison Prayer Over The Gifts  
**God, we present these offerings that they may be used  
to extend your liberating reign.  
With them, we offer our best intentions, that each of us  
may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF GOING OUT "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 664  
\*BLESSING  
\*POSTLUDE