

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2018

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Andante Sostenuto" Charles-Marie Widor  
Meggie Snyder, organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Has it been a tough week?

**People: So much has happened; some of it good, other things that are hurtful.**

Leader: The Lord has been with you in all that has happened.

**People: We need to see the loving presence of God.**

Leader: Open your eyes and see God's wondrous love active in your life.

**People: Lord, help us to take our focus away from what hurts and annoys us and place it on you. Amen.**

\*HYMN "We Are Called" No. 2172

**A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN**

**"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)**

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.*

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CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER SONG "Into My Heart" No. 2160 (vs. 1)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's seeds of love have already been sown in your midst. Come and see the love of God outpoured for you. You are God's beloved ones. Come, live in the light of God. AMEN.

PRAYER SONG

"Into My Heart"

No. 2160 (vs. 2)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 23: 1-7, 23-27

(NT p. 25)

**Leader: The Word of God.** All: For the People of God. **Leader: Thanks be to God.**

***Recipe for a Wise Passionate Life:***

**SERMON**

**"Loving Anger"**

**GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory Hymn**

**"Be Doers of the Word of God"**

**(see insert)**

\*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 of Dedication

Thank you God, for your continuing providence, even when we complain. In gratitude for amazing grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our resources and actions build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be met in ways that bring hope, justice and love to your children. Amen.

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN**

**"Would I Have Answered When You Called" No. 2137 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

John Ellerton

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Piece Heroique"

Cesar Franck

Alex Straus-Fausto, organ