

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 27, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST'S JUBILEE

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You who are feeling a little scarcity today, why have you come?

All: To hear good news.

One: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

All: To heal our hearts.

One: You who are held captive by anything that compromises, why have you come?

All: To witness words that set us free.

One: You who mourn, why have you come?

All: To receive comfort.

One: Then you are welcome here in this sacred place,
where Jesus will startle us again with Good News.

*HYMN FOR ENTERING WORSHIP "Gather Us In"

No. 2236

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Like A Child" (sung processional)

Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,

Like a child and a friend, Jesus comes.

Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul, and mind,

Like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes.

(sung recessional)

Like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,

Like a child on the street, Jesus comes.

Like a child we once knew coming back into view,

Like a child born anew, Jesus comes.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH (adapted from Walter Brueggemann)

**We are here now, O God. So do your mysterious,
majestic God-ing with our hearts.**

**Reclaim, renew, re-enliven – that we may leave this place -
Transplanted,transformed,transposed.**

**Let the pulse of our hearts throb now,
according to the rhythms of your Rule.
Nudge us and we will notice.
Command and we will obey.
Overrule and we will yield.
Lead and we will walk where we never thought to go.
We are here now, O God ...**

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

"Holy Ground"

Diane Clark

I went to the mountain; to seek my soul. I thought I heard God's voice saying, "take off your shoes, for this is holy ground." I sat in the quiet, listening for the still, small voice. I waited and waited, desiring, but I was disappointed. At last I released my desire, surrendering to the silence. Then a voice spoke softly, saying, "Go home, my child, and you will see that every bush is burning, And all ground is holy. Listen there, and you will hear my voice."

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 4: 14-21

(NT p. 61)

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

SERMON

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time—Part Three:
"Good News for Down-and-Outers"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Now Thank We All our God"

No. 102

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN FOR GOING FORTH "God, Whose Love is Always Stronger"

(see below)

*BLESSING

May God – Creator / Redeemer / Sustainer,
Bless us and keep us from all harm, all wrongdoing,
And ever at the service of our neighbors.
Go with the Good News that changes this world.
Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

John Ellerton

*POSTLUDE

"Rondeau"

Joseph Mouret

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*
*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

HYMN FOR GOING FORTH

"God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger"

Sung to the tune: "Lord, whose Love through Humble Service"

God, whose love is always stronger
Than our weakness, pride and fear,
In your world, we pray and wonder
How to be more faithful here.
Hate too often grows inside us;
Fear rules what the nations do.
So we pray, when wars divide us:
Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring,
Never arrogant or rude,
Never boastful, all things bearing;
Love rejoices in the truth.
When we're caught up in believing
War will make the terror cease,
Show us Jesus' way of living;
May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished;
May your churches hear your call.
May our lives be filled with courage
As we speak your love for all.
Now emboldened by your Spirit
Who has given us new birth,
Give us love, that we may share it
Till your love renews the earth!