

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

January 26, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" arr. George Shearing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE TO ONE ANOTHER

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

Leader: God of the prophets, call to us today.

All: Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

Leader: God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

All: Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

Leader: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

All: Teach us Your ways of Love, justice and righteousness.

Leader: God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

**All: We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your Praise,
to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

*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

UNISON PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

written by Bret S. Myers

I vow, O God, to model the faithfulness

to change what integrity would have me not accept;

**To compassionately work for justice for others and myself,
no matter what the cost;**

**To trust that more beauty and goodness is possible
than what I may realistically reason to be so;**

**And to live and die aspiring to the ideals of living in peace
with nonviolence, rather than to give in to any lesser motive.**

**Grant that I may not look to the probabilities of success,
but to the wisdom of being faithful. Inspire me to be committed,
persistent, and enduring in my devotion to live by values that are sacred;
rather than calling sacred whatever may be my values.**

And so may I be a blessing to the world which I inhabit.

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "E Toru Ngā Mea (Faith, Hope, and Love)" Jeffrey Cobb

Translation: There are three great things that are spoken of in the bible: faith, hope, the greatest of all, love. Now these three things, endure forever.
Faith, hope, and love, endure forever. Faith, hope, and love, And the greatest is love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 12: 1-9 (OT p. 10)

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

MESSAGE *The Well-Being We are Meant For— Sermon Series:*
"Shalom Between Nations"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN "O God of Every Nation" TUNE: No. 278

*O God of every nation, of every race and land,
Redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.*

*From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.*

*Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.*

*Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Oh Dear One, may these scraps of paper and bits of metal serve as symbols of our deep desire for Your love to transform our time, effort, and substance into works of creative compassion for each other, for our wider community, and for the world beyond, through this church. So may it be, Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** "For the Healing of the Nations" No. 428

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Lord, Let Us Now Depart in Peace" Maurice Whitney

***POSTLUDE** "Fugue in C minor" J.S. Bach

*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.*