

Bulletin Information
January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday After Epiphany

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

*Call to Worship:

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

PH #579

Welcome and Announcements

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 27:1,4-11

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**All: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; and to seek God in the temple.**

One: For the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

All: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

One: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

All: **My heart speaks your message – “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

One: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away – you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

All: **Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in. Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.**

One: Lord God, our light and our salvation, grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living, and that we may be set safely on the rock of our faith, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Radical Obedience

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Installation of Elders

(see insert)

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope

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Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: Matthew 5:1-12

Installation of Elders

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Affirmation of Faith

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he was seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions

Prayer

Declaration