

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."
~ Robert Louis Stevenson

PRELUDE

Think About His Love Walt Harrah, arr. by Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Sing Glory to the Name of God

GG: 10

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119, Jeremiah 31)

One: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

All: How wise are God's commandments!

One: Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

All: Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

One: The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

All: God's word lives within us, for it is written on our hearts.

One: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

*HYMN

Ho, All Who Thirst

GG: 479

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation.

(A moment for silent examination and confession.)

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we cry out, God helps us without delay.

All: We do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more.

*RESPONSE

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

GG: 458

All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Go Into the World

Natalie Sleeth

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

GG: 171

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1:1-3, pg. 489

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:1-34, pg. 38

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Sowing and Reaping”

Rev. Abbie Huff

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major

J. S. Bach

*All who are able please stand.

***Latecomers seated.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Andante from Sonata 3

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

tune GG: 606

All: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: **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 debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

GG: 817

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen, We Praise Your Name*

GG: 598