

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Third Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

My wish simply is to live my life as fully as I can. In both our work and our leisure, I think, we should be so employed. And in our time this means that we must save ourselves from the products that we are asked to buy in order, ultimately, to replace ourselves.

~ Wendell Berry,

PRELUDE

Salut d'Amour

Edward Elgar

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Though my troubles and anxieties swirl around me, I will wait upon the Lord.

All: My heart says of you, "Seek God!" Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

One: We are here and we gather in the presence of God.

All: Let us open our hearts and minds to hear the God who calls us.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

GG: 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious and Holy God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may follow your call and be witnesses to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us be, regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You, as well as with those You have given us on earth.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All: We know that we are forgiven and find peace in the following of Jesus.

May we walk all the days of our lives in his footsteps.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Sing Out, My Soul (2x)*

GG: 646

**All: *Sing out, my soul. Sing out my soul.
Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.
Sing out and glorify the Lord God!***

*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 each other.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Peace Between Nations

Christopher Wiggins

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN

God Is Calling through the Whisper

GG: 410

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 27:1, 4-9, pg. 503

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:12-23, pg. 3

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Following Our Calling”

Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Little Excitement

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

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

Here I Am, Lord

GG: 69

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Shalom Chaverim

POSTLUDE

March

F. Mendelssohn

*All who are able please stand.