



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
January 24, 2021



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WORSHIP SERVICE

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship from Psalm 57: 5, 7-11

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth!

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth!

Praise

Songs of Praise

“Be Exalted, O God”

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)” (#559)

“Be Thou My Vision” (#859 vs. 1-4)

God's Greeting

Renewal

Litany of Lament (written by Cassidhe Hart, 2016)

God of the whole universe, we come to you heavy-hearted and light-headed, confused, distracted, and frustrated.

Lord, we cry to you.

God of every creature, great and small, we want to live in your peace and justice, but sometimes the gap between our love and your love is just so great.

Lord, we cry to you.

God who dwells in the deep places of our hearts, we want to obey your call to “be not afraid,” and so we cry out, “Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief!”

Lord, we cry to you.

God of every moment, assure us of your insistent presence in the beauty of a birdsong, the smile of a friend, and the warmth of a blanket. We seek to praise you for the small things.

Lord, we cry to you.

God of the pilgrim way, we thank you that you have brought us this far and rejoice in the call you have given us.

Lord, we cry to you.

God who holds our time in your hands, we know that you promise never to abandon us, and we pray for an enlivened sense of your presence with us and the courage to act on your call for justice and peace.

Lord, we cry to you.

God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, continue to pull us into your story of salvation, to remind us of our own belovedness, and to sustain our steps as we walk into your kingdom. And all God’s people said:

Amen.

Song & Prayer of Confession: “I Lift My Eyes Up” (#652 & 653)

Almighty and loving God, we confess that we put our trust in other gods alongside of you and in place of you. By the Holy Spirit’s power, help us to know you, the only true God, as you have revealed yourself in your Word, to trust in you alone, to look to you for every good thing, humbly and patiently, and to love, fear, and honor you with all our hearts. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Acts 10:34, 13:38, & Ephesians 1:7)

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Through Jesus, forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you today. In him we have redemption through his blood, according to the riches of his grace.

This is the good news we have through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Response of Gratitude:

“Before the Throne of God Above” (#682 vs. 1-3)

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

Reminder of Opportunity to Give Tithes and Offerings (Designated Offering: Christian Schools International)

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Dedicated, Committed, Awed

Hymn of Response: “Good to Me” (#620)

SENDING

Benediction

Doxology “Now Thank We All Our God” (#543 vs. 3)

Postlude

Participants:

Minister: Rev. Mark Hofman

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