

WE GATHER
“BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS”
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:
JANUARY 24TH 2021

Introduction:

Music:

Welcome:

Territorial Acknowledgment:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer**

We gather longing for good news!

Jesus announces “the kingdom of God is here”.

Where do you place your trust these days, the evening news
or the Good News of Jesus?

**Jesus knows our hearts, Jesus is aware of our searching
for meaning.**

Jesus calls us “Come and follow me.”

**We hunger for your narrative of peace, justice, kindness
and compassion.**

Let us turn our hearts toward Jesus.

Opening Prayer:

Come and visit us Holy Spirit, come and pray in us Holy Spirit.

Search our hearts, know our hearts.

We long for mercy, justice, kindness, enough for everyone.

We hunger and thirst for righteousness, in world that is systemically
corrupt.

We lament the injustices of our time.

We seek healing and we want to be a part of your narrative of hope.

Our souls find rest in you God, you are our hope and refuge.

We long for your salvation. By grace, we say “yes” to your call.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us” VU#562

Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work. May it be so!

THE WORD

One: Your Word is a lamp to our feet;

All: And a light on our path.

*Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love.
Amen.*

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 14-20

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the
good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his

brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Prayer of Invocation: “Spirit of Life, Come unto me” VU#381

Reflection: “Believe in the Good news.”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Piano Solo: “Come, Touch Our Hearts” MV#12 vs. 1,2, 4.

Words and music by Gordon Light, 2002

Announcements:

Invitation to offer of ourselves:

Offertory Blessing:

**Creator God transform our offerings,
so they may become instruments of your compassion,
for the sake of your kingdom.**

Help us to bless your world.

In Jesus’s name we pray,

Amen.

The Memory Candle:

Prayers of the People:

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE

Hymn: “Will You Come and Follow Me?” VU#567

Benediction:

Go with the blessing of the Triune God:

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you,

This day and always. **Amen.**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, stead-fast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

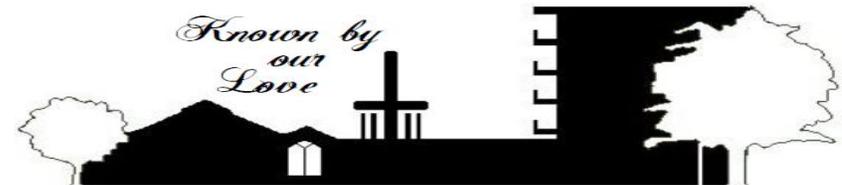
Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude



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Third After Epiphany

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