

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022**

**Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence**

Prelude

*More About Jesus
O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

*Kendall
Peterson*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

🕯️ Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

Jim Fox

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

**The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness
of the moon shine on us,**

for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end

Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

🕯️ Invocation

Jim Fox

O God,
you spoke your Word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
Fill all creation with that Word again
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen.**

🕯️ Hymn

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

Verse 1

*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

Verse 2

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

Verse 3

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

Ending

*Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

*Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions.
We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we
choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive
our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives.
Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of
Christ's glory. **Amen.***

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Jim Fox

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

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Offering

Offertory *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
(Solo—Dan Baker)*

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication (Responsively)**

Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and charity, your ear is always open to our needs.

When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us.

With joy we bring our thanksgiving.

For all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance.

All that we give, we dedicate to your glory.

All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation. Amen.

 **Hymn 2**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Bee-attitudes

Valerie Petrie

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-11

5 When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to teach them, saying:

The Beatitudes

*3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

*4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*5 Blessed are the humble,
for they will inherit the earth.*

*6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.*

*10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

*11 "You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and
falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.*

Sermon

*"The Beatitudes"
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 259**

Breath on Me, Breath of God

 **Profession of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
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.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

! Hymn 347

Be Still, My Soul

! **Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Barb Finch and Dan Obenschain*

! **Postlude**

Recessionale

Peterson