

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten* Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 642

WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

*** UNISON INTROIT** (Hymn 143, v. 4)
*All creation join in praising God the father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore our voices raising to the Eternal Three-in-One!
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship God our Sovereign One.*

*** OPENING SENTENCES** Laura VanDale
May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not God’s blessings and loving kindness.

*** HYMN 31** “Let Us with a Gladsome Mind” MONKLAND

*** ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!
Let us pray.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
God of grace, we strive to be loving and kind as we follow the way of Jesus and share his good news. But sometimes, we stray from his holy path. Our actions hurt others and ourselves; we chose words that wound; we do not share blessings; we do not forgive as we have been forgiven; we do not help where we can; we do not love those who do not love us back. Forgive our lack of faith and our disobedience. Set us free to do your will, through Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Galatians 1:6-12 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.187)

ANTHEM *Christ is the World’s True Light* Walter Kendall Stanton
Chancel Choir

Christ is the world’s true Light, its Captain of salvation. The Daystar, clear and bright of every race and nation. New life, new hope awakes wherever we own his sway. Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day. In Christ all peoples meet, their ancient feuds forgetting. The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting. When Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake our fear. To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear. One Lord in one great name unite us all who own thee. Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee. The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain to heal its ancient wrong. Come Prince of Peace and reign.

*** GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1:14-20 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.35)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 487, v.1)
*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow.
With love we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

SERMON “Got Any News ‘Fit’ to Tell?” Dr. Butler
“After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God...”

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

*** HYMN 170** “You Walk Along Our Shoreline” WIE LIEBICH IST DUR MAIEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY *Show Me Thy Face* Carl Ph. E. Bach
Cynthia Holzheimer, organ

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation” NETTLETON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Acceptance of Suffering* Petr Eben
from *Job*
“Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil also?”
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission
To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff
The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
10 a.m.
