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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 22, 2023

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe Den Herren) arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us; spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to the promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. **Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 179 God Is My Strong Salvation Christus Der Ist Mein Leben

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1,3-9

Unison

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

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

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked from the Lord; that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.

He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now I am lifted up above my enemies all around me.

I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me.

My heart says, "Come, seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn away your servant in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Anthem

The Summons John Bell and Graham Maule, 1995

Soloist: Daniel Whitaker

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 345 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Rest

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Why Follow Jesus?

Mike Krech

"And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Matthew 4:19-20

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 377 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Pescador de Hombres

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (Neumark)

George Neumark; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Festal Song

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude Lead On, O King Eternal (Lancashire); Henry L Smart with

The Lord is My Light; Frances Allison, 1848-1912; arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season after Epiphany with Gospel lessons focused on events early in Jesus' earthly ministry. Last Sunday's lesson from John included the call of the first disciples.

Today we read Matthew's account of their call.

(JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend:
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Text: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757; alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN; Felice de Giardini, 1769

God Is My Strong Salvation

God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near.

Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage, wait;
God's truth be thine affiance, When faint and desolate.

God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace.

Text: James Montgomery, 1822; alt. 1988

Tune: CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN; Melchior Vulpius, 1609

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls The strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872;

Tune: REST; Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

You have come up to the lakeshore, Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.
You only wanted that I should follow.

Refrain:

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
And while smiling, have called out my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
Now with You I will seek other seas.

You know that I own so little, In my boat there's no money or weapons,
You'll only find there my nets and my labor. (Refrain)

You need the caring of my hands. Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that just goes on loving. (Refrain)

You, who have fished other oceans, Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me. (Refrain)

Text: Cesareo Gabarain, 1979;

Trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood, and Raquel Achon, 1988; alt.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES; Cesareo Gabarain;

Harm. Skinner Chavez-Melo

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974; Tune: FESTAL SONG; William H. Walter, 1894