



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024 10:30 AM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation" Arr. Don Hustad

(Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (2)**

One: Praise the God of all Creation.

**All: Worship the One who calls us—speaking with a different voice,
offering an unexpected invitation.**

One: Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

All: Rejoice, the realm of God is near!

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" #273 vv.1-13**
New Century Hymnal

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.**

**Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost,
Heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence—Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.**

**Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure—foolishness none dare deride.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

based on Jonah 3:1-2

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you.

You call, but we do not always listen;

You show us your path, but we often prefer our own way.

Forgive us and lead us back to you, that we might show your grace to others.

(silent confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (1)

Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and made new.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” v.4

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community,

Calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.

Thus the world shall yet believe when shown Christ’s vibrant unity.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Grace"

Carolyn Hamlin

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Pew Bible p. 753

Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible p. 812

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”#173

New Century Hymnal

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**You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain:

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you’ve call out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. *Refrain***

**You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary—
A love that’s willing to go on loving. *Refrain***

**You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

RESPONDING

We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

OFFERTORY “Meditation in E Minor”

George Oldroyd

Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).

*DOXOLOGY #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

With God’s blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

* COMMISSIONING HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me?" #726

Glory to God Hymnal



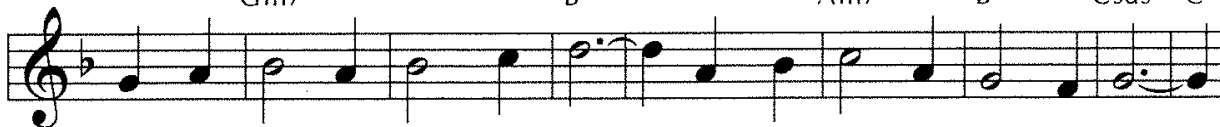
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
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will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà in F"

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Thanks to God, we at Hope United Church of Christ have good news to share.
And we should feel compelled to share it, because there are people in St. Louis
who are looking for a progressive and loving faith community.
When we share Hope, we make it easier for them to find us!*

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B
- (2) <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>

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