

ORDER OF SERVICE
Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 26, 2025

PRELUDE

"Sheet May Safely Graze"

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barb Huitema

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another with signs and words of peace.

SONG OF CENTERING

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is in the Treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the Bass staff. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

ALL: We gather to hear God's liberating word of love.

Liturgist: Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

ALL: May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

Liturgist: May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

ALL: And may it be enacted in our lives!

Liturgist: Let us pray...

Liturgist: Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world, where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled, Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

SONG OF GATHERING

"Praise With Joy the World's Creator"

NCH#273

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence—Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure—fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

The Liturgist invites the congregation to be seated.

FIRST READING

Liturgist

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all

baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing where would the sense of smell be? But as it is God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you. On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Silence is Observed

ALL: Holy Spirit, we confess that at times we do not make space for all that you wish to do in our lives and church. We invite you in this moment of remembrance to fill us with all the fullness of Christ so that we might be marked by your abundant fruit. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice! You are loved! Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

One: God be with you!

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God!

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High!

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

This Sunday, Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and receive both as you return to your seat. There are gluten free crackers available on each plate.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come, Gather in This Special place"

NCH#335

Unison Em D Em

1 & 4 Come, gath - er in this spe - cial place; the ta - ble here is
 2 The grapes have yield - ed es - sence pure, a drink to quench the
 3 The bread is fresh - ly baked to - day, a fra - grant feast of

CM7 D G Bm D Am Em

long and wide; For all who heed com - mu - nion's call, there's
 grav - est thirst; The cup is passed from hand to hand, and
 grain sup - plied; And e - ven crumbs that dust our palms will

C D Em

room for thou - sands side by side.
 each will sense de - spair re - versed.
 leave souls ful - ly sat - is - fied.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING DISMISSAL

Gospel Lesson
 Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

SERMON

“Today”

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SONG OF RESPONSE

“We Hail You God’s Anointed”

NCH#104

1 We hail you God's a - noint - ed, the long - a - wait - ed One!

2 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;

3 The wise shall bow be - fore you and gold and in - cense bring;

4 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, you on your throne shall rest;

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
and joy and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore you, and praise all peo - ples sing;
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed:

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap-tive free;
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows be said,
The tide of time shall nev - er your cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
your realm is still in - creas - ing, with you, O Christ, as head.
your name shall stand for - ev - er, your change - less name of Love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Our Father, in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

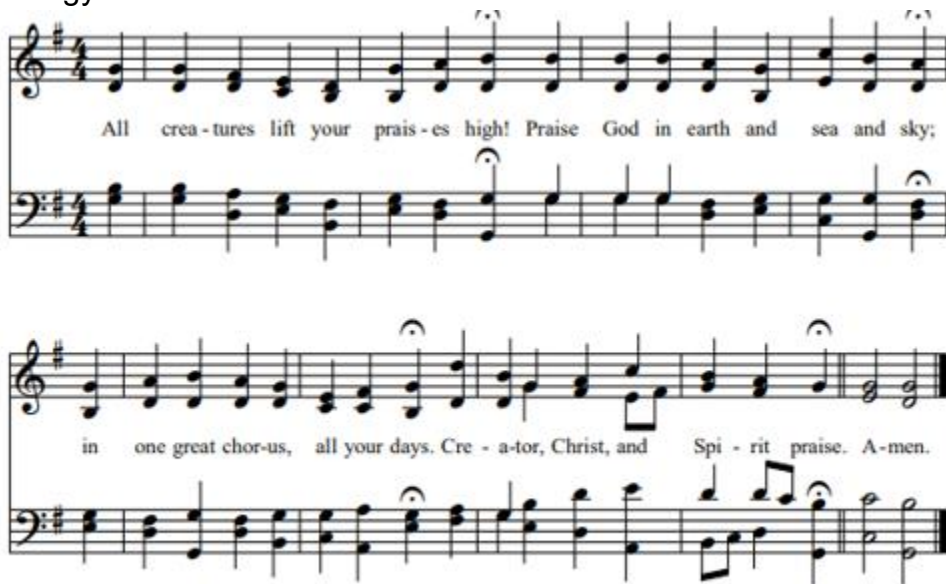
Pastor

Ushers will come forward to receive the offering.

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR

OFFERTORY

Doxology



All crea-tures lift your prais-es high! Praise God in earth and sea and sky;
in one great chor-us, all your days. Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Spi-rit praise. A-men.

CHARGE

Liturgist

SONG OF PARTING

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

NCH#395

1 In Christ there is no East or West. in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West. in Christ meet South and North;

But one com-mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
God's ser-vice is the gold-en cord close - bind-ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom-en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy-ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through-out the whole wide earth.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are about the unity of Christians in Christ.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Minuet Gothique from *Suite Gothique*"

Leon Boellmann