



3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Topeka, KS

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship

Prelude

“The Heart of Worship”
Matt Redman
Jaron Marcus, Piano

CENTERING WORDS

Psalm 62 ends by saying, “God, you repay to all according to their work.” Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

Welcome and Announcements

Anton Ahrens

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day _____ Unison

Teach us anew, rock of our salvation, how your kingdom has come near. As you called Simon and Andrew long ago, call us to be your disciples this day, that we might find refuge and strength as we face the destructive forces of our lives. Grant us the strength to wait for you in silence, that we might meet you in the subterranean chambers of our souls. For in you we rest secure, in you we abide in holy love. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you, yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives. We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry. We tangle ourselves in webs of racism,

sexism, and hatred that disguises itself as fear. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness, open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me."

(time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

This is what I'm saying, brothers and sisters: The time has drawn short. From now on, those who have wives should be like people who don't have them. Those who are sad should be like people who aren't crying. Those who are happy should be like people who aren't happy. Those who buy something should be like people who don't have possessions. Those who use the world should be like people who aren't preoccupied with it, because this world in its present form is passing away.

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson

Mark 1: 14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

Sermon

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Robert Jackson/ arr. Victor Labenske
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Prayer of Dedication

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.

~~~SENDING FORTH~~~

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

Hymn

“Cry of My Heart”  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

It is the cry of my heart  
To follow You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To follow  
All of the days of my life

Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
So I can walk in Your truth  
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
And make me wholly devoted to You  
Oh oh whoa

Verse 2

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do  
Open my heart up more and more  
And make it wholly devoted to You  
Oh oh whoa

Ending-

All of the days of my life (4X)

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

“It is the Cry of My Heart”

Terry Butler

Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:  
Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider  
Anton Ahrens, Liturgist  
Jaron Marcus, Piano  
Peter Sandquist, Audio/Visual  
Anton Ahrens, Audio/Visual

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