

United Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021
11:00am

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thanks for worshiping with us. Whether you are with us from the pew or with us via your computer screen, we are so glad you're here. Remember, worship is about God and we focus our eyes and hearts on the One who is before all things. At the same time, we know that when we gather, we receive gracious gifts and experience the love of Christ as one church.

To prepare for worship, read the Words of Preparation; read and reflect upon the Scripture passage for today. Be intentional about connecting with God in your worship.

Words for Preparation

Living God, maker of Light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Prelude

"Cannon in C, Op 56 No 1"

Robert Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From God comes my salvation.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

God alone is my rock and my salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past "

Call to Confession

Trusting in the love and goodness of God, let us confess our sin.

(Period of silence for personal confession)

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Prayers of People and Lord's Prayer

Special Music "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Tyler Womack

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 62:5-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

62:5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

62:6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

62:7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

62:8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

62:9 Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

62:10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

62:11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

62:12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Mark 1:14-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

1:16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.

1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

1:20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus, for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, and who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers or height or depth or anything in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Excerpt from Romans 8)

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

The earth belongs to God, our creator; every good thing is a gift from the Lord. Let us glorify God through the gifts of our lives.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings "Canon in E. Op 47 No 1" Max Reger

(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at upctx.org/giving OR as you enter or exit the church sanctuary today. There are two offering boxes available. One is located at the Narthex and the other along the Commons hallway. A bowl for the Noisy Offering will also be placed at each location)

Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We dedicate these gifts as we dedicate our lives to you, that you will make us fishers of people. Amen

Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Benediction

Choral Benediction

"Go Now In Peace"

Postlude

"Canon on 'Vom Himmel Hoch'"

J.S. Bach

*The liturgy today is from *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year B*, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long *

Disciples: All Who Trust in Jesus Christ
 Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
 Pastor: Rev. Candice Richey Womack

Liturgist: Sonja Hill

Safety Team Members: Jerald Hicks and Jon Geer

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Thank you to Ethan Gainer for serving as our Accompanist/Organist

THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Candice Richey Womack

Session Clerk:

Elder on Call: Bob Mudie

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MONDAY January 25	TUESDAY January 26	WEDNESDAY January 27	THURSDAY January 28	FRIDAY January 29	SATURDAY January 30	SUNDAY January 31
6: pm Session.			8:00 am Bread Ministry 4:30 p.m. Yoga			11:00 am Worship Service