

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024—10am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

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

Prelude

"I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Phillip Keveren

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

TFF #132

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

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+ Greeting

ELW p.98

+ Prayer of the Day

ELW p.23

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12 ELW #62

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW p.102

+ Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20

Young at Heart Message & Sermon The Rev. Brian Stamm

+ Song of the Day ACS # 1004

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

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+ Apostles' Creed ELW p.105

+ Prayers of Intercession ...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

ELW p.107

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

ELW p.108

+ Thanksgiving at the Table (X)

ELW p.69

+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

ELW p.112

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

ELW p.112

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

ELW #483

+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

ELW # 817

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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