

**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 22, 2023—8:30am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

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

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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**

“Graves Into Gardens” arr. Morgan Hatfield

### + **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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**+ Gathering Song**

“Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.  
You have been so, so good to me.  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.  
You have been so, so kind to me.

(And,) O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away.  
O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Yeah.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.,  
You have been so, so good to me.  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.  
You have been so, so kind to me.

There's no shadow You won't light up,  
mountain You won't climb up, coming after me.  
There's no wall You won't kick down,  
lie You won't tear down, coming after me.

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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**+Word+**

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

**First Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from First Corinthians.


<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

+ Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. John Wertz, Jr.

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**+ Song of the Day**

“Graves Into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

**Refrain:** Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all,  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me  
again

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can  
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can

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**+ Apostles Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* universal



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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: "Lord, Be Glorified"

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**Refrain: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

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Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation.

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably.

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need.

**Refrain**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. We pray especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*).

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

**Refrain**

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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at*

*[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611).*

*Checks can be also be sent to church:  
521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325*



**+ Offering Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.  
Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

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**+ Lord's Prayer**

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**+ Invitation to Communion**

Come and taste the joy of God!

***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.*

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**Communion Song**

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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**+ Sending +**

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

**Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

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#### + Sending Song

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, we live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, we live for You,  
we live for You.

**Refrain:** Holy there is no one like You, there is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You  
are and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your  
love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

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#### + Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

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