

January 22, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE “Pur ti Miro’ from L’incoronazione di Poppea” Monteverdi
“Nocturne in E-flat major” Glinka

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 96:1; Ps. 62:5, 12; 1 Cor. 1:17-18

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
For God alone my soul waits in silence.
Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.
We proclaim the message of the cross:
this is the wisdom and power of God.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #62** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .

God of grace, forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .

God of grace, forgive us.

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .

God of grace, forgive us.

For fearing those who are strange to us

and ignoring those in need . . .

God of grace, forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .

God of grace, forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you . . .

God of grace, forgive us.

We offer our prayers in the name

of the One who saves us,

Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isa. 43:1, 19

... we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #26 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN Sandy Diehl

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rom. 6:13

OFFERTORY “Jubilate, Amen” arr. Hollis

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
(England, 1647; language updated)

Q. What is the duty which God requires of us?

A. The duty which God requires of us is obedience to God’s revealed will.

Q. What did God at first reveal to us for the rule of our obedience?

A. The rule which God at first revealed to us for our obedience was the moral law.

Q. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

Q. What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:1-4

PSALM Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

to gave upon the beauty of the LORD

and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,

and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up

above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,

sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me,

turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper;

forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23

RESPONSE Rev. 21:5

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “We Sing So All Can Hear the Story!” Besig / Price

SERMON “Galilee of the Gentiles” Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #689** “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

+**BLESSING** Eph. 4:4-6

... be with you now and always.

Amen.

+**CHARGE** Col. 3:17

... giving thanks to God through him.

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Come, Follow Me” Kupferschmid

POSTLUDE “’s Wonderful” Gershwin, arr. Chen

**Join us for fellowship after worship
in the Memorial Room.**

It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Pianist: Yi-Hui Chen

Liturgist: Rick Cote

Greeters: Tom and Tonya Seely

Sound: Tim Hammond

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Andrew Pinches

Today’s flowers are given by Anna Lee Lavis

in memory of Harold Lavis

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#19. *The Road to Damascus:*

Saul the Pharisee’s persecution of Jesus’ disciples abruptly ends when he beholds the light of Christ and begins preaching the gospel. (*Acts 9:1-22*)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 51. How will God deal with the followers of other religions?

God has made salvation available to all human beings through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. How God will deal with those who do not know or follow Christ, but who follow another tradition, we cannot finally say. We can say, however, that God is gracious and merciful, and that God will not deal with people in any other way than we see in Jesus Christ, who came as the Savior of the world.

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DAILY PRAYER

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Education	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
Thursday	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Timmy Pinches Jan. 28

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*