

**3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions. God calls us here to worship.

P: We are here to worship.

L: Drop your nets and leave your boats. God is with us. Jesus calls us.

P: We are here to worship.

L: Let us worship God together.

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn of the Month (see insert)

“Come, All You People / Uyai Mose”

Call to Confession

Jesus calls to us: change your hearts and change your lives! Repent, and believe the good news. The mercy and forgiveness we have already received enables us to be honest about the places in our lives in need of transformation. Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates, law-abiders and illegals, the perpetrators and the innocent. We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God’s grace: We are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

“Let Us with a Joyful Mind”

Newmade earth was filled with light
through God’s all commanding might,
rich with mercies that endure,
ever faithful, ever sure

Prayer for Illumination

God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word, and embolden us to respond faithfully as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5

The Lord’s word came to Jonah a second time: “Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you.” And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord’s word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days’ walk across.) Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, “Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant. When word of it reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, stripped himself of his robe, covered himself with mourning clothes, and sat in ashes. Then he announced, “In Nineveh, by decree of the king and his officials: Neither human nor animal, cattle nor flock, will taste anything! No grazing and no drinking water! Let humans and animals alike put on mourning clothes, and let them call upon God forcefully! And let all persons stop their evil behavior and the violence that’s under their control!” He thought, Who knows? God may see this and turn from his wrath, so that we might not perish. God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn’t do it.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

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.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“I Read It Somewhere...”

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Hymn GTG#721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Words of Gratitude

With open hearts and open hands, we let go of the things that possess us, we offer our gifts to God, and we dedicate our lives in service to Jesus Christ. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

Offertory

RESPOND IN GRACE

“He Has Made Me Glad”

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

*** Doxology**

“Sithi Bonga”

Sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga
Sithi bonga, sithi bonga
Sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga
Enhle hlabele (Repeat x1)

Ukuhlabelela kuyathoko zisa
njengenyoni enhle hlabelela
Ukuhlabelela kuyathoko zisa
njengenyoni enhle hlabelela (

Sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga
Sithi bonga, sithi bonga
Sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga
Enhle hlabele (Repeat x1)

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. Amen.

Prayers of the People (see backpage)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

The God who called us here today is calling us out from this place and into the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us follow where Jesus leads, sharing God’s love and grace with a world that is groaning for redemption. As we go, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of our parent God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always. Amen

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Prayers of the People (See backpage)

Eternal God, we come to you again to pray for the church, the world, and all of the people and situations on our hearts. Hear us as we lift our prayers to you, aloud or in our hearts.

We thank you that you care for those who are distant from us in relationship, geography, worldview or otherwise. For those people and communities, we pray ...

We thank you for your faithfulness. When we see all the evil and suffering in our world, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and to give up, but we are grateful that you have not given up on us. We offer our prayers now for the situations that seem to be beyond repair, healing, and hope ...

We thank you for continuing to invite us to be partners in your transforming, reconciling and redeeming ministries in our communities and beyond. We pray for the church universal, and for the work of Presbyterians around the globe. We pray for the work of this community of faith, and for ministries that are sharing your love and care in our community and beyond ...

We thank you for the gift of relationship: for colleagues, friends, family and the communities to which we belong. When one rejoices, we all rejoice, and when one suffers, we all suffer. We offer our prayers of thanksgiving and our petitions and laments, for those who are on our hearts today ...

We thank you for hearing our cries, for knowing what we need before a word is on our lips, and for holding in your loving care those people and situations known only to you. Unite us in our prayers and embolden us to follow Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father..."



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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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Drumming Program will be on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall

Hybrid English Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays.

Communion for February will be on Feb. 18th

Worship Team Meeting will be Feb. 13th at 9:30AM

Annual Congregational Meeting will be Feb. 25th following worship.

Session Meeting will be Feb. 26th at 7PM

Emergency Shelter Program we are hosting the program again from Feb.19th – Feb. 26th. Anyone who would like to provide a meal or give a monetary donation please see Pastor Jeniffer.

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please Pray for Orr family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Praise Songs and Hymns

Come, All You People

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come now and worship the Lord. Come and praise your Maker.

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.
Come now and worship the Lord.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose zvino. Tinamate Mwari.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose zvino.

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. *(Refrain)*

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. *(Refrain)*

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: *(Refrain)*

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)*