

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

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

P: Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord’s favor!

L: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

P: And may it all begin with our worship of God.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“CERTAINLY LORD” (vs. 1,2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our day-to-day lives, we sin in a multitude of ways — by what we have done and what we have left undone. Confession allows us to unburden ourselves and lay before God our stark humanity. Let us offer our prayer, knowing that God is merciful and offers forgiveness to all who turn to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear the good news! God’s promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“HIGHLY EXALTED”

Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God in the highest place;

You are the Lord God Almighty; You are highly exalted.

Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God in the highest place;

You are the Lord God Almighty; You are highly exalted over all the earth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, may your Spirit be with us each, showing us your Word and your Way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3; 5-6; 8-10

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll. Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don’t mourn or weep.” They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction. “Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet,” he said to them, “and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don’t be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!”

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

ANTHEM:

UNITY

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn’t one part but many. If the foot says, “I’m not part of the body because I’m not a hand,” does that mean it’s not part of the body? If the ear says, “I’m not part of the body because I’m not an eye,” does that mean it’s not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can’t say to the hand, “I don’t need you,” or in turn, the head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren’t presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don’t need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won’t be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren’t apostles, are they? All aren’t prophets, are they? All aren’t teachers, are they? All don’t perform miracles, do they? All don’t have gifts of healing, do they? All don’t speak in different tongues, do they? All don’t interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts. And I’m going to show you an even better way.

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

SERMON

“SPIDER WEB TANGLED (UNITY)”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

HYMN GTG #301

“LET US BUILD A HOUSE (ALL ARE WELCOME) (vs. 1,3,5)

“TODOS BIENVENIDOS SON”

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from God. Let us in turn offer our gifts to God’s work in the world. Let us give our offering.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“YOU ARE MINE”

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,

Be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine

*** DOXOLOGY**

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See Insert)

O God, from the beginning of time humanity has called out to you for help, guidance and care. You have graciously heard our prayers and worked your good will in the lives of the faithful. Hear us again, Lord, as we pray.

We pray for the world around us that is both filled with incredible beauty and startling pain. We thank you for the blessings of this world — for family and friends, for work that fulfils and provides, and for the sure and certain knowledge of your presence and care. We thank you too that you come alongside us in our pain and difficulty and that you bring light out of darkness. Teach us each to care for the brokenhearted and to lift up those who suffer. Teach us to go again and again to the witness of Jesus and live into the persons he has taught us to be. We pray for our churches: big and small, rural and urban.

We pray for all churches who call on the name of Jesus Christ. May the body of Christ be strengthened in its witness and may we glorify you, O God. May we look more like our Savior and less like the broken world around us. May we be true to Christ alone.

Free us from distractions that deplete us and guide us away from you. Teach us to focus on helping others, trusting that you will provide for all we need. Let our hearts be freed to worship you with all that we are and all that we have. We ask this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN GTG #408
EHP #56

"THERE'S A SWEET SWEET SPIRIT"
"HAY UN DULCE ESPÍRITU"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, seeking to love and serve. And may the love of God the Father, grace of Jesus the Son, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit surround you now and always. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

AMEN

POSTLUDE

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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where people of God 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 in the Sanctuary

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

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Hybrid English Bible Study will be Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall or feel free to join us through zoom.

Zoom Link bible study

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays

Church Leaders Retreat February 8th 9:30AM – 12:30PM at FPCO

The next Session Meeting will be February 10th at 7PM

The next Worship Team Meeting will be February 11th at 9:30AM

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be February 16th following worship

We will be hosting the Emergency Shelter Program again from February 17th – February 24th. If you would like to sign up to bring food or give a monetary donation please see Pastor Jeniffer.

Coffee Hour following worship today.

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please prayer for our Nation

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

Pleaser 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 Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

Praise Songs and Hymns

CERTAINLY LORD

Have you got good religion,
Have you got good religion,
have you got good religion?
Cert'nly Lord! Cert'nly Lord!
Cert'nly, cert'nly, cert'nly Lord!

Do you love ev'rybody,
do you love ev'rybody,
Do you love ev'rybody?
Cert'nly Lord! Cert'nly Lord!
Cert'nly, cert'nly, cert'nly Lord!

LET US BUILD A HOUSE (ALL ARE WELCOME) / TODOS BIENVENIDOS SON

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: (Refrain)

Construyamos hoy un gran hogar, Seguro en paz y amor,
En que podamos demostrar Las obras del Señor.
Erigido de ilusiones, Donde fe es el perñón;
Ya no habrá en Cristo divisiones:

Estribillo: Bienvenidos, bienvenidos, todos bienvenidos son.

Preparemos en aquel lugar, Conaqua, vino, y pan,
Un gran banquete, un santo hogar Construido con afán.
Porque aquí preside Cristo, Quien nos da liberación
En la fiesta santa él es visto (*Estribillo*)

Construyamos hoy un gran hogar Que inculca hermandad
Canciones lindas, fe sin par, Y amor por la verdad.
Un lugar de risa y llanto, De alabanza y oración
Que esta casa anuncie de lo alto: (*Estribillo*)

THERE IS A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT / HAY UN DULCE ESPÍRITU

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

Hay un dulce Espíritu aquí,
y yo sé que es el Espíritu del Señor
la expresión en los rostros es señal,
pues se siente la presencia del Señor.

Estribillo

*Tierna Paloma fiel Consolador, mora en nosotros
líénanos de tu amor. Por tus bondades te hemos de alabar,
Sabremos sin dudar, que aquí es donde nos renueva el Señor.*