

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

*INTROIT #301

“Let Us Build a House” (v.1)

Haugen, 1994

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist - Kelly Weaver

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the teachings of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

The law of the Lord is more precious than fine gold;

the goodness of God is sweeter than honey.

*HYMN #301

“Let Us Build a House” (v.2-5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another, first in silence, and then together:

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your good news is for all people.

Forgive us when we limit it to people like ourselves.

Your grace is for all people.

Forgive us when we hoard it, unable to believe in your abundance.

Your love is for all people.

Forgive us when we ignore it, fearing that we might be unworthy of your grace.

Move us to see the world as you know it:

bursting at the seams with your mercy and your love.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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Word

ANTHEM

“Draw the Circle Wide”

(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 8:1,3,5-6,8-10

Bibles, p.416/LG. p.540

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 12:12-31

Bibles, p.163/LG. p.212

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (v.1)

Chisholm, 1923

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-21

Bibles, p.57/LG. p.74

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord who speaks to us, and strengthens us, and blesses us with peace, be all glory and honor forever. ***Amen.***

Response

*HYMN #757 **“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”** Carmichael, 1985

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- UNISON

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Our response this morning will be: ***ble***ss us with peace.

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Let us dedicate the offering together:

We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #610 **“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (v.1-4) Wesley, 1739

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*RESPONSE #610 **“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (v.5)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.



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