# **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive**

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER - UNISON**

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 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**

# \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - UNISON

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.



\*HYMN #826 "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

Kitchin, 1887

## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

...and the blessing of the Lord forever. Alleluia!

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls us to this day: Follow me. *Amen.* 

\*RESPONSE #155

"RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS"

Taize, 1978

\*POSTLUDE Selected

# Sunday, January 26, 2020





"Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences"

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

# Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26,2020

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Justice, Mercy, and Peace, May our lives be centered on you and the values you teach us through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

— Gathering —

**PRELUDE** Selected

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT "I AM LIGHT" Chancel Choir

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive

Liturgist - Steve Lowe

Haugen, 1979

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

The Lord is the stronghold of my life:

of whom shall I be afraid?

From our daily labors, the Lord summons us.

Freed from fear, we are bold to follow.

"Come! I will make you fishers of people."

We respond with gratitude and praise!

\*HYMN #401 "HERE IN THIS PLACE"

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CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

On the bustling shores of Galilee, Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John. Immediately, they dropped their nets. Immediately, they abandoned their boats. Immediately, these fishermen-turned-followers set out to fish for people. Christ, you also call to us. But we are slow to set aside the mundane tasks that shape our lives, slow to abandon the weak excuses we recite to drown out your voice, slow to drop the daily demands that compete for our attention. Call to us again, we pray, and summon us to lives of gracious service. Fashion us into faithful followers who hear Christ's commands and respond with courage and compassion, so that we might proclaim the reign of God.

#### LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us."

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that God forgives you, and be at peace! Thanks be to God.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

#### \*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.

- Word-

ANTHEM "ONE THING REMAINS"

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE** 

Isaiah 9:1-4

Bibles, p.600/LG.p.780

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GREEK SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Bibles, p.155/LG.p.201

A new teaching, with authority! Thanks be to God.

**HYMN #321** 

"THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

Stone,1866

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE** 

Matthew 4:12-23

Bibles, p.3/ LG. p.4

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty. Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Rev. Michele R. Goff

**ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE** 

— Response —

\*HYMN #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Gabaráin,1979

# \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON

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.