



Community Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany
21 January 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(One) We have been called out of darkness. We too now see this glorious light.

(All) Like the Magi, we have beheld Christ's glory—His glory as the only Son of the Father.

(One) For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. Christ is the King of all nations. Christ is Lord over all creation.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

(One) For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

(All) He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

(One) On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

(All) Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

(One) Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

(All) Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

(One) Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

*Hymn (422)

Amazing Grace

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Confession

(All) God of Glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Communal Assurance of Pardon

(All) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, our sins have been washed away by the blood of the Lamb and we have been set free and reconciled with our Creator. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

***Hymn (428)**

When Peace Like A River

(1) When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(2) Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

(3) My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin—not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

(4) And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
"Even so"—it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our

Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

3:1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,

3:2 "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

3:3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

3:5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

7:29 I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,

7:30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,

7:31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

1:16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen.

1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

1:20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.