

**Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

“The Potter’s Hand”

Beautiful Lord, Wonderful Savior
I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hands,
Crafted into Your perfect plan
I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me, Lord, I pray

Chorus:

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me
I give my life to the Potter's hand
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life to the Potter's hand

You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life through Your eyes
I'm captured by Your Holy calling
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me, Lord, I pray

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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 98: 1-6]

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People: The Lord has made known his salvation, has brought justice to the nations, and has shown truth and love to his people.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

*Hymn of Adoration

#1, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty "

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee

Holy, holy, holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy

All the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee

Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy

Though the darkness hide Thee

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy and there is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy

Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent confession]

All: Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you that many times we only follow you half heartedly. Sometimes we enter your presence with prayers on our lips but with ears closed to your responses. We have lifted our

hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments in our minds but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you might forgive our lack of faith and pardon our less than stellar attempts to follow you. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 3: 22, Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

People: By faith we have a deep-rooted assurance, created in us by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only for other people, but we too, have had our sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation. Praise God!

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

*Hymn of Preparation

#438, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," vs. 1, 2, 3

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse from guilt and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.

Music: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ — their Lord and ours:

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way — in all your speaking and in all your knowledge — 6 because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Sermon

“One... One Lord, Jesus Christ”

Responding to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

[Based on Colossians 1: 15-20]

Leader: What do we believe about our Lord, Jesus Christ?

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Offering

Offertory

Anthem

“One True God,” Northpoint Worship

*Response

#606, The Doxology, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[various prayers]

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. 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.

Hymn of Response

#177, "I Will Come To You," vs. 1, 2, 3

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 near

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

Refrain:

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

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

#2071, "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

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***Postlude**

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