

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 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 95: 6-7]

Leader: We read in Scripture how very good it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Leader: Come, let us all worship and bow down together, let us kneel together before the Lord, our maker.

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn of Adoration

#12, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," vs. 1, 2, 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.

Music: Welsh folk melody; arr. Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

[time of silent confession]

All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have planted divine splendor and wisdom into human life. Christ is not repelled by the shabbiness and shamefulness of our lives but instead seeks to redeem us. Lord, we confess that often we are repulsed from those whose actions seem foolish or unwise to us. Sometimes we try to flee from those whose sorrows burden us and we are often drawn to those who distract us from you. Often our compassion is limited to those like ourselves; our kindness reserved for those who are kind

to us. Our passionate concern often remains silent until the things we hold onto too tightly for ourselves are threatened. O God, forgive us. Cleanse us of self-centeredness and open us to the whole breadth and length, height and depth of your love, manifest in all creation. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of New Elders

Sentences of Scripture based on 1 Cor. 12:4-7,27

Leader: There are varieties of gifts but it is the same spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Ordination Profession of Faith & Anointing

Constitutional Question

Laying of Hands and Prayer

[various prayers]

Leader: Now as a congregation let us pray.

People: God of Grace, who has called us all as ambassadors of Christ into the priesthood of all believers and has entrusted us to share the Good News of Christ, we pray for the courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us. Lord, help us together declare your Gospel and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

#697, "Take My Life," vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be

Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1974
Music: H. A. Cesar Malan, 1827
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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.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel — not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Sermon

"One... One Body in Jesus Christ"

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Commitment

Hymn of Response

#321, "The Church's One Foundation," vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly
May live eternally.

Text: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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Offering

Offertory

Anthem

“How Beautiful is the Body of Christ,” Trio DOA

*Response

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2071, “Jesus, Name Above All Names” Sing the Faith Hymnal

Jesus, name above all names

Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able