

# Third Sunday After Epiphany January 23, 2022 Worship Bulletin

## Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

\*Introit

#614, "Great is the Lord" (2x)

Great are You, Lord You are holy and just

By Your power we trust in Your love

Great are You, Lord, You are faithful and true

By Your mercy You prove You are love

Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!

Great are You, Lord, we lift up our voice, we lift up our voice

Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

## Preparing for God's Word

\*Call to Worship Part 1

[based on Psalm 46]

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

\*Hymn of Praise Part 1

#275, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," vs. 1 & 2

A mighty fortress is our God,

a bulwark never failing;

our helper he, amid the flood

of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe

does seek to work us woe;

his craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

### \*Call to Worship Part 2

[based on Psalm 46]

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**People: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**People: God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**People: The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

### \*Hymn of Praise Part 2

#275, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," vs. 3 & 4

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers  
no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

## Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent confession]*

**All: O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. But today we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

**We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in our service, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 5: 8-9]

Leader: Hear the Good News. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven. Praise God!

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

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

### \*Hymn of Preparation

#415, "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy," vs. 1 & 3

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready, stands to save you  
Full of pity, love and power

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry 'til you're better  
You will never come at all

## Prayer of Illumination

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 6: 9-22

9 This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. 16 Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark — you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

## Sermon

“Noah: Favor, Flood, Faithfulness, & Foolishness”

## Responding to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostle's Creed]

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "God is Our Refuge," Westminster Virtual Choir

\*Response

#606, "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.**

[particular prayers]

Leader: God of grace and 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

#353, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," vs. 1, 2, & 3

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

## \*Benediction

## \*Benediction Response

#2279, "The Trees of the Field," Sing the Faith Hymnal

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand if Able