

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

10 am

Prelude

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
featuring *The Lonely Man*, theme from *The Incredible Hulk*
arr. Adam O'Dell

Adam O'Dell

Welcome

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

It is by God's grace that we gather for worship,
and it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.
We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today:
to enliven our worship, to forgive our sins, to help us begin again;
to shape us more and more into the likeness of Jesus,
to empower us to live as he lived, and love as he loved.
Come, let us praise God and open ourselves to God's Spirit,
so that the grace God places within us
would flow from our hearts to the world God loves.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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Verse 1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Tune our hearts, O Lord, as we worship, so that they sing with Your grace, Your love, and Your justice. Remove from us anything that is sinful, harsh, and not in harmony with Your intentions for us. We open ourselves once again to the transforming work of Your Holy

Spirit, so that our lives might resound with Your love, to the praise and glory of Your holy name. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Cara Norris

Proclamation and Response

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New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:25-28 (CEB)

²⁵ Therefore, after you have gotten rid of lying, each of you must tell the truth to your neighbor because we are parts of each other in the same body. ²⁶ Be angry without sinning. Don't let the sun set on your anger. ²⁷ Don't provide an opportunity for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves should no longer steal. Instead, they should go to work, using their hands to do good so that they will have something to share with whoever is in need.

Scripture through Song

Fear Not

NS Chapel Praise Band

Philip Pringle | Isaiah 43

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Chorus

Fear not, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am with you
Fear not, for I am with you says the Lord

Verse

I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; Child, you are mine
When you walk through the waters; I will be there and through the flame
You'll not be drowned; You'll not be burned; For I am with you

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:43-45 (NRSV)

⁴³ "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Superheroes: Don't Poke the Hulk

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Response

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

Take My Life (Holiness)

Darlene & Phil Gobrecht

Scott Underwood

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Holiness, holiness is what I long for, holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness is what you want from me

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for, faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what you want from me

Chorus

Take my heart and form it; take my mind transform it
Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for, righteousness is what I need
Righteousness, righteousness is what you want from me

Chorus (2x)

Sending Forth

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
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