

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

10 am

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

Partita No. 4, BWV 828 Excerpt from *Overture*

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### Welcome & Announcements

- Turnbaugh Grant request forms due January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Office and Preschool will be closed tomorrow

### Call to Worship

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

Sing songs and hymns, old and new;

celebrate with voices and instruments, with praise and prayers!

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

For God is already here, among us and within us,

bringing new life to all who believe.

**Let us praise God together!**

### Opening Hymn

*God Is Here*

UMH# 660

(vv. 1-2, 4)

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#### Verse 1

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts

Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts

#### Verse 2

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace

Here are table, font, and pulpit | Here the cross has central place

Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech

Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each

#### Verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt

Keep us faithful to the gospel | Help us work your purpose out

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive

We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

### Opening Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, we claim the promise of Your presence this morning—that wherever two or more are gathered in Your name, You are there among them. May this time in Your presence, as well as what we say and what we do here, shape us to live faithfully in the world You love. Amen.**

## **Response**

*Way Maker*

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### **Verse 1**

You are here moving in our midst | I worship You, I worship You

You are here working in this place | I worship You, I worship You

### **Chorus**

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness

My God, that is who You are **(Repeat)**

### **Verse 2**

You are here touching ev'ry heart | I worship You, I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart | I worship You, I worship You

### **Chorus**

### **Tag**

That is who You are, that is who You are | That is who You are, that is who You are

### **Bridge**

Even when I don't see it You're working | Even when I can't feel it You're working

You never stop, You never stop working | You never stop, You never stop working

### **Chorus**

### **Tag**

## **A Message for Young Disciples**

Cara Norris

## **Proclamation and Response**

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### **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 25:1-9; 31:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Tell the Israelites to take for me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give you shall receive the offering for me. <sup>3</sup>This is the offering that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>4</sup>blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen, goats’ hair, <sup>5</sup>tanned rams’ skins, fine leather, acacia wood, <sup>6</sup>oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>7</sup>onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and for the breastpiece. <sup>8</sup>And they shall make me a sanctuary so that I may dwell among them. <sup>9</sup>In accordance with all that I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>3</sup>and I have filled him with a divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge, and every kind of skill, <sup>4</sup>to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, <sup>5</sup>in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every kind of craft. <sup>6</sup>Moreover, I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, and I

have given skill to all the skillful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup> the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and the cover that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, <sup>8</sup> the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup> and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, <sup>10</sup> and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, <sup>11</sup> and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you.”

## **New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 10:23-25

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Message**

*The Whys of Worship: Why Do We Gather?*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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.

## **Thanksgiving**

### **Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

#### **Offertory**

*Church (Take Me Back)*

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#### **Verse 1**

There was a time that I swore I would never go back  
I was blind to the truth didn't know what I had  
I was running I was searching | But ev'ry place I turned for healing  
Left me more broken than the last

#### **Chorus**

Take me back | To the place that feels like home | To the people I can depend on  
To the faith that's in my bones | Take me back to a preacher and a verse  
Where they've seen me at my worst | To the love I had at first | Oh I want to go to church

**Verse 2**

Tried to walk on my own but I wound up lost  
Now I'm making my way to the foot of the cross  
It's not a trophy for the winners | It's a shelter for the sinners | And it's right where I belong

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

Oh more than an obligation it's our foundation | The fam'ly of God  
I know it's hard but we need each other | We're sisters and brothers oh

**Chorus**

**Ending**

Yeah I want to go to church | Oh I want to go want to go I want to go  
Oh I want to go to church | Oh I want to go to church

**Doxology**

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow | Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the Source of all our gifts | Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit | Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Offertory Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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**Verse 1**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call

**Verse 2**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us  
United us as one in this life that we share  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and the name which we bear

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*

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