

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion

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Sat. Service at 5 PM • Sunday Services at 8 & 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors near the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Restrooms are located to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

Hymn numbers listed in the bulletin are referencing *The Hymnal 1982*, found in the pew rack.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

R. Powell

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

GATHERING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues

493, vs. 1,3,5

***O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!***

***Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.***

***Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!***

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please be seated.]

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

G **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

A **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

135, vs. 1,3

***Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.***

***Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy God-head manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10 • Psalm 19 • Romans 15:4–13 • Luke 4:14–21
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

℣ *The First Reading is taken from Nehemiah, chapter 8...*

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!"

℣ The Word of the Lord

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: [sing to the tune: O God, Our Help in Ages Past]
[Please remain seated.]

***The heavens declare your glory, Lord, The work your hands have made;
Your power day by day is shown And night by night displayed.***

***There is no utterance or speech, No voice is ever heard,
Yet every nation hears the sound And every place their word.***

***It runs from East to farthest West To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath Escapes its scorching heat.***

The Second Reading:

Ⓛ The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 15...

Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice. So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. I'm saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, and so that the Gentiles could glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

*Because of this I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and I will sing praises to your name.*

And again, it says,

Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.

And again,

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and all the people should sing his praises.

And again, Isaiah says,

There will be a root of Jesse, who will also rise to rule the Gentiles.

The Gentiles will place their hope in him.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓛ The Word of the Lord.

📻 **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

Epiphany Alleluia

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

The Gospel:

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

☒ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

[Please be seated.]

Cindy Roehl

SERMON HYMN

[Please stand.]

Book of Books

***Book of books, our people's strength, statesman's, teacher's, hero's treasure,
bringing freedom, spreading truth, shedding light that none can measure:
wisdom comes to those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee.***

***Thank we those who toiled in thought, many diverse scrolls completing,
poets, prophets, scholars, saints, each a word from God repeating;
till they came, who told the story of the Word, and showed his glory.***

***Praise we God, who hath inspired those whose wisdom still directs us;
praise him for the Word made flesh, for the Spirit which protects us.
Light of knowledge, ever burning, shed on us thy deathless learning.***

THE NICENE CREED

A1 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- D** As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us, from long ago and until the end of time.
- L** Wonderful Counselor, we pray for laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons, and all who minister in the name of Christ, that each and every one will hear and heed the guidance of your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Give us strength of heart, mind, body and soul to join you in preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, liberating the oppressed, and announcing that the year of your favor has come to all the earth.**
- L** Mighty God, we pray for your church. Fill us and all those who worship you with true compassion. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, direct us; where in any thing we are amiss, reform us.
- C** **Where we are in the right, strengthen us; where we are in want, provide for us; where we are divided, reunite us.**
- L** Everlasting Father, we lift to your heart those who suffer from any grief or trouble, [especially... *read names from notebook...*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time...*]. Empower us, in your name, to give them courage and hope in their troubles.
- C** **Help us to be the answers to their prayers when they cry out to you.**

- Ⓐ Prince of Peace, we joyfully celebrate the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus. We give you thanks today for the flowers given to your glory by Tony Bowman and Priscilla McCarthy in memory of Emily J. Bowman, and for all the blessings of this life, especially *[read entries from notebook ...]* Showered with blessings,
- ⓐ **Give us the grace to see your divine presence so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of joy.**
- Ⓐ King of Kings, we pray for all those who have died, *[especially ... add names from notebook...]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- ⓐ **Grant them continual growth in your love and service; and help us in obedience to your will to follow the good examples of the saints who have gone before us.**
- Ⓐ Lord of lords, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all in authority.
- ⓐ **Give them grace, compassion and will to strive for peace and justice, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor.**
- Ⓐ Rejoicing in the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the One who will reign forever and ever.
- ⓐ **Hallelujah! Lord our God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ⓐ **And also with you.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓐ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Rise, Shine!

D. Wood

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- Ⓐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

 Refrain

Christ, Be Our Light

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

***Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.*** Refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

 The Lord be with you.


 **And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts.

 **We lift them to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**


 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

 Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, and as a father cherishes his family, you would not forget us. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

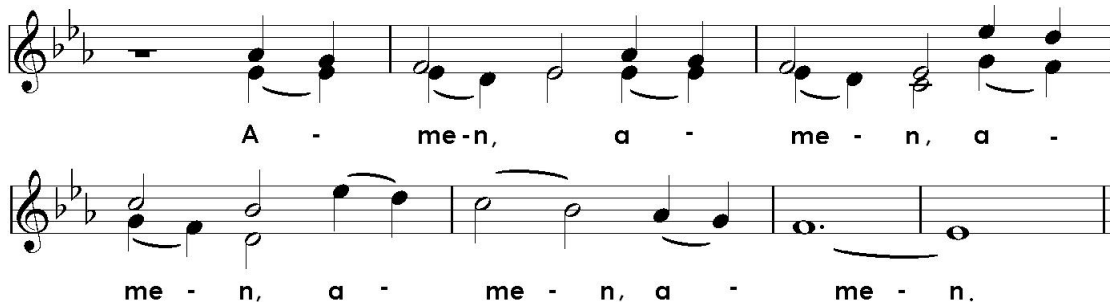
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

AD Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

P Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

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A - me - n, a - me - n, a -
me - n, a - me - n, a - me - n.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

AD **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

G **Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.**

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

- ☒ **Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love,
Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☐ Let us pray...

- ☒ **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- ☐ May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over creation and heals the world, be upon you and remain with you always.
- ☒ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Tell Out, My Soul

438, vs. 1,2,4

***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.***

***Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.***

***Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!***

THE DISMISSAL

- ☐ Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Deo Gracias

J. Dunstable

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate Ann Chaplin
Organist Robert Moncrief
Acolyte Peter Brotherhood
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..... Indra Eldridge
Lectors Terry Eldridge
..... Judith Auger
Prayers of the People Indra Eldridge
Prayer Team Butch Niford and Diane Niford
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..... Dan Little
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