

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”

Third Sunday after Epiphany – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.

January 23, 2022

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Ceremonial March” (Edward H. Wetherill)

Introduction

God’s glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God’s glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

GATHERING

Invocation

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

P: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (all verses)

ELW #886

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears,
brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list’ning to his voice,
new life the dear receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
by justified by grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv’n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav’n.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: 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. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

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C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Tom Pendergast, guitar/vocal

"St. Teresa's Prayer" (John Michael Talbot)

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

“A Sermon for Today”

Hymn of the Day

ELW #843

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (vs. 1 & 2)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the one who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. *A brief silence.*

L: You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. Bring healing to the sick, especially those affected by the global pandemic. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn especially those mourning the loss of Casey Rooney. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world. If you are worshiping with us today online and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered together as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion Blessing

Communion Hymn

ELW #483

"Here is Bread" (vs 1 & 3)

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

PROTECT Campaign

Gary & Jean Kiser

Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ☩ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW #314

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!” (all verses)

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit’s call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive’s liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God’s pow’r will make us strong.

Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cathy Namock, organist

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**Our prayers and sympathies** to Marsha Adams and Isabel Benell on the passing of Marsha’s fiancé. Marsha is Isabel Benell’s daughter.

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish. Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

### **Members**

*Bonnie Kain*

*Carl Schulze*

*Carol Hotten*

*Chuck Lynch*

*Compton Reeves*

*Deanna McDaniel*

*Helen Morton*

*Isabel Benell*

*Kathy Austin*

*Lee Warne*

*Len Meyers*

*Melissa Embry*

*Mike Green*

*Ramona Walker*

*Sue Smith*

*Tammi Green*

*Vince Landau*

*Wendy Woolley*

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup*

### **Family Members and Friends**

*Asher Stuart – great grandson of Nancy Renner*

*Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats*

*Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner*

*Bobbe Serena Wayman – Friend of Emmanuel*

*Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley*

*Carolyn Eibbs – neighbor of Tom & Sue Smith*

*Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny*

*Connie – friend of Helen Morton*

*Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze*

*Connie & Jerry Oium – friends of Jackie Poling*

*Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer*

*Darin – son-in-law of Inge Scholl*

*Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats*

*Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman*

*Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller*

*Ern Woolley – father of Scott Woolley*

*Grayson – grandson of Mary Wakimoto*

*Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld*

*John Wade – husband of Carol Wade*

*Kay, Dave & their families – friends of Bert & Kathy Austin*

*Franklin Camero – uncle of Wendy Woolley*

*Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten*

*Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law*

*Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith*

*Marsha Adams – daughter of Isabel Benell*

*Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary*

*Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz*

*Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel*

*Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler*

*Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of*

*Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler*

*Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn*

*Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar*

*Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto*

*Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm*

*Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten*

*Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler*

*Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade*

*Stacy – daughter-in-law of Kathy Austin*

*Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul*

*Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel*

**Annual Meeting is January 30** and will follow Worship. **One Worship Service at 10:00 am.**

**Someone is in the church office** Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which are 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is in the building. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for Bible study, meeting, etc.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of **January** is People Who Care. People Who Care is a nonprofit volunteer caregiving organization that provides non-medical assistance to adults who are no longer able to drive due to age-related and physical limitations, in order for them to continue living in their own homes, independent living apartments and in their own community.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP RETURNS** between services: VOLUNTEERS needed to prepare and serve coffee and finger foods. No food handlers certificate needed. Signup sheet in Narthex or call Sally Newcomb 928-772-0634.

**Breakfast Group** – would you like to go out to breakfast during the week with other members. Signup sheet on table in the narthex or speak with Jim Rebholz 928-227-3923.

**Our next Interfaith Meal is** on January 28, at 11:00 am. We are serving 130 - 150 takeout meals. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

**Souper Bowl Sunday** will be February 13. Save your loose change for World Hunger!

**Life Line Screening** – Emmanuel will be hosting Life Line Screening on January 24, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Please check your mailbox for a flyer giving you all the information. For an appointment or additional information, please call 1-888-653-6450.

**Women's Bible Study** is back meeting on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am in fellowship hall and on Zoom. We are reading Rachel Herd Evan's book *Inspired*. Contact Pastor Tricia for more information.

**Blood Drive** is scheduled at Emmanuel for **March 4 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**. Sign up will be available shortly. If questions, please call Gail Gentes 928-910-5375.

**Undie Sunday** will be February 6 for the HUSD Family Resource Center. Bring new undies of all sizes for the families in the school district. Boxes will be provided in the narthex.

**Bible Study** – Looking for other Bible Study alternatives? There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Fellowship Team found that Bible studies were a top priority for folks. When you sign up, Jim Rebholz will help to match you with a group. If you have questions, please call Jim Rebholz, 928-227-3923.

**Food Bank** collection continues for the Prescott Valley Food Bank at 8781 Spouse for pickup on the first Sunday of the month. Items most needed are cereal, canned soup (especially hearty soups), canned chili and canned vegetables (other than green beans and corn). Cash donations are always appreciated.

**Wednesday 10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study** is now meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Hal Vogelaar and Larry Gordon are the facilitators.



**Thrivent Member Action Cards** – Each member is allocated two \$250.00 cards per year. If you haven't used yours, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal or any other of our Ministries.

**Offering Envelopes** for 2022 are now available on the table in the narthex. If there are to be mailed out it will cost \$3.00 per. If you could pick up your envelopes and possibly one or so of a friend or neighbor who is a member and take to them it would be greatly appreciated.

**Due to the sharp increase of Covid-19 cases** in our area, the church council—at the recommendation of the Church in a Changing World Task Force—has stepped our pandemic reopening back to Stage 4, which includes masking and other safety precautions in the church building for all activities.

**Shares of Faith**, financial gifts, are a wonderful means of honoring, celebrating and memorializing your loved ones. They are given for life events as well as deaths. Your Shares of Faith will be acknowledged in our weekly service folder.

**Mailboxes** – mailboxes are filling up again. Please check. Remember your name is below the box.