THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 23, 2022
11:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Then God led out his people like sheep, and guided them
in the wilderness like a flock. He led them in safety,
so that they were not afraid. - Psalm 78:52-53

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Steven Phillips

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 119:1-4
Tony Mostardo

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night-to-night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

The glory of God echoes throughout the world.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

***HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Steven Phillips

God of life,
we confess that we often forget that we are utterly dependent upon you for life
and that you have created us to live in harmony with the rest of your creation.

Forgive us, O God, and inspire us to change.

God of mercy,
we confess our carelessness in the ways we treat your world, and each other.
Awaken within us a renewed sense of the sacredness of life.

Forgive us, O God, and inspire us to change.

God of compassion,
we confess our indifference to the suffering of others,
the easy excuses we make in overlooking the needs of others,
and our unwillingness to look beyond our personal needs to see the greater good.

Forgive us, O God, and inspire us to change.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dent Davis

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23

SERMON *A Faith for Changing Times* Rev. Dent Davis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Romans 8
Susan McDonald

And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution
or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ANTHEM *Prayer for Peace* (The Chancel Choir) — Text attributed to St. Patrick; Music by Benjamin Harlan

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER — Steven Phillips

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 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 803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* — Resignation

My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
Your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Your oil anoints my head. *(continued on next page)*

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest,
But like a child at home.

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Dent Davis

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz