

For Prayer & Contemplation

“It is a time of hope; it is a time of despair. I have seen enough of God’s wily ways with the Powers to stake my life on the side of hope. I believe that even these rebellious Powers can be transformed in the crucible of God’s love.” - *Walter Wink*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude “Spirit” - arr. Bedford

Call to Worship

(Adapted from today’s lectionary texts by Deborah Sokolove)

One: This day is holy to our God;
do not mourn or weep.

All: **The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us
to bring good news to the poor.**

One: This day is holy to our God;
for the joy of the Holy One is our strength.

All: **God sends us to proclaim release to the captives,
recovery of sight to the blind,
and justice to the oppressed.**

One: On this day, may the scripture be fulfilled in our hearing:

All: **May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be pleasant to you, Holy One,
our rock and our redeemer.**

*Hymn No. 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Prayer of Confession

We hear you calling, Lord,
but we must admit, we’ve been
too busy to pray
too rushed to listen for you,
too hesitant to commit to you,
too ashamed to admit we don’t know what we’re doing,
too proud to change,
too fearful to confess that we don’t know how to get back
to you.

We want to get back to you, but we don’t know how. But you,
like a loving father, run to us, embrace us, and welcome us in.
Restore us to you, Lord, and sustain us with your grace, so that
we may never be apart from you again.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance *(Adapted from Titus 2:11)*

One: For the grace of God appeared, bringing salvation to all in
Jesus Christ. Go now, and sin no more. In Jesus Christ we are
forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

“**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.**”

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Anthem “O God, You Are My God Alone” (Hymn #696) - Beall
Linda Richardson, handbells

Time with Children

Scripture

1st Reading: *Psalm 19:1-10*
Old Testament PG 498-9, Large Print 613-14

2nd Reading: *Luke 4:14-21*
New Testament PG 61, Large Print 74-5

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Spirit is Upon Us” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

*Affirmation of Faith *(Apostle’s 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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 “Praise God...All Blessings Flow”

“**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**”

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give
you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless
them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*The family of Ron Griffith, Nic and family, Harper, Chris, Chic,
Alyssa, Denise, Patrick, the family of Martha, Erin, Rhett, Rachel,
Jamie, the family of Sandra, Meg, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara,
Jim, David, Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Phyllis, Aaron,
Douglas*

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 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 No. 634 “To God Be the Glory”

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn No. 853 “We Are Marching...Light of God”
“We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in
the light of God...”

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the
light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in

the light of God. We are marching...oo OO we are marching in the light of God.”

Postlude “Caprice sur les grands jeux” (Fantasy for full organ) – Clerambault

***** *Please stand as you are able.* *****

Thank you to our Worship Servers
Liturgist Carol Owens



Music Notes

Today’s prelude is Michael Bedford’s 2016 meditation on the hymntune “Spirit,” originally written in 1975 by James K. Manley. The anthem is an instrumental arrangement of the hymntune “Gratus,” composed in 1991 by Mary Kay Beall. The text which accompanies this tune is a paraphrase of Psalm 63 from the Iona Community, found in hymn #696. The second verse reads:

“Your faithful love surpasses life, evoking all my praise.
Through every day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I’ll raise.
My deepest needs you satisfy as with a sumptuous feast.
So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has never ceased.”

The postlude is the seventh and final movement of a suite for organ by French composer Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749). We thank Linda Richardson for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week’s Calendar</i> January 23-30	
<i>Sunday</i> January 23	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming
<i>Monday</i> January 24	6 PM Worship Staff Meeting 7:15 PM Worship Committee
<i>Tuesday</i> January 25	6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> January 26	7 PM Jazz Legacy Rehearsal – Sanctuary
<i>Thursday</i> January 27	9 AM Trustees Meeting - Zoom
<i>Friday</i> January 28	
<i>Saturday</i> January 29	6 AM Books & Breakfast
<i>Sunday</i> January 30	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming



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10 AM Worship Service
January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Drew Harrison