

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

January 22, 2012 ✠ 10:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Listening devices and large-print materials
are available from the ushers.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic pagers.

*All those who are able, please stand.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*PRELUDE *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Arr. Mary McDonald
& Larry Shackley

✠ ✠ ✠ *Please keep silent so that others can meditate* ✠ ✠ ✠

PRAISING GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: My soul finds rest in God alone;

All: Hope comes only from him.

One: God alone is my rock and salvation;

All: God is an impregnable fortress,

One: I will be well protected.

All: He is a rock-solid foundation for living;

One: He is a refuge in times of trouble;

All: He can be trusted at all times.

One: Let us surrender our hearts to God,

All: Who is our refuge.

*HYMN 345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

✠ ✠ ✠ *Those who arrive late may be seated* ✠ ✠ ✠

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION

*SONG

More Love, More Power

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer. (*Time for silent prayer*) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO PARDON– (Tune 579)

GLORIA PATRI

**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 THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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.

WELCOME

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of steadfast love, we pray that you will love the world through the moneys we dedicate today. We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward by our gifts. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed the call to discipleship. Bless our efforts to fish for people – for their sakes, not our own. Amen.

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter
Chancel Choir & Praise Team

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BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

One: God sends us out into the world with good news.
All: We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned and blessed.
One: And so, let us go.
All: We will trust in God at all times and speak God's truth in love.
One: And so, we go!
All: Amen!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Step By Step

To deacons:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

An elder addresses members of the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, these individuals as elder and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

*The people respond: **We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION
DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEES

Having been elected by the voice of this church, do you promise to give the business affairs and property of this congregation your devoted attention; to encourage generosity; and in all your dealings, work to further our service of Christ in the world? **All: We do.**

An elder addresses members of the congregation

Do we, the members of the church, receive these individuals as part of our Trustees, and do we promise to support their work for the church? **All: We do.**

A TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

(New Testament page 35)

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

With a Little Help from Friends

Rev. Gribble

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 333

Seek Ye First

GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

STATEMENT

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

APOSTLES' CREED

One: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: 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.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

ANOINTING

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

To elders:

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**