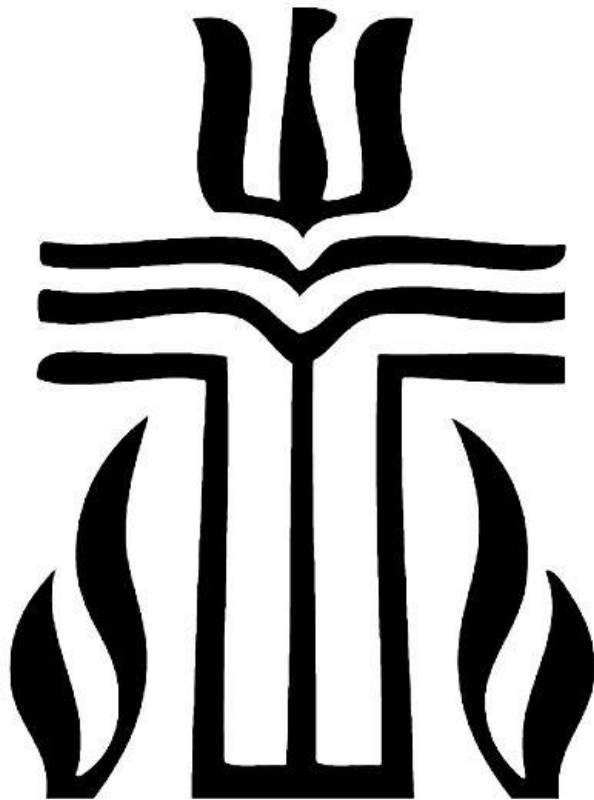


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Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Doxology - all to sing

No. 592

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

*Prayer of Praise

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: As we behold the beauty of God’s temple, we see God’s face.

People: **God is our shelter and our shade. We will sing to the God of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn [“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”](#)

*Call to Confession

Leader: Christ calls us to follow, knowing that we are human. Jesus knows we are not perfect. He knows we will not always get it right. All he asks is that we try, learn, and try again. Let us go to God, telling how we have tried and failed, that God may teach us what we must learn.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us. Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*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.*

Special Music

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Isaiah 9:1-4](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School)

Music For Meditation "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#) (NRSV)

Sermon "In the Name to Proclaim"
The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "[The Church's One Foundation](#)"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for January 29, 2023

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15
I Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12