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You are welcome here.

Come join the journey.

January 24, 2021

*Worship Service
Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

10 a.m.

If you just sit and observe,
you will see how restless your mind is.
If you try to calm it, it only makes it worse,
But over time it does calm,
and when it does, there's room to hear more subtle
things- that's when your intuition starts to blossom
and you start to see things more clearly
And be in the present more.
Your mind just slows down, and
you see a tremendous expanse in the moment.
You see so much more than you could see before.

From the book "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson

Greeter

Erica Knowles

Prelude

"Lord, Be Glorified / Sanctuary" - piano prelude arranged by Fred Bock

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey,
you are welcome here!

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence

Chime

Silence

Prayer

Gathering Song

"Come Share the Spirit" - led by Deb Wysocki

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Sage Spohn

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

“Go!” ~ CLC Praise Band

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Help us God, **as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.**

Message

Message Song *"The Summons" (Will You Come and Follow Me)* - led by Deb Wysocki

Prayers

Anne Baum

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Please begin with your own personal, silent prayer. *A brief silence.*

O God, we give thanks and pray for the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, for musicians and servers, as they lead all of us to proclaim the good news of God’s love. We will follow their lead.

We will need determination, **to follow Jesus’ calling.**

O God, we give thanks for your creation - skies and seas, birds and fish, clouds and sun, hills and fields, animals and humans, water to drink and air to breathe. Guide us to follow scientists and be advocates to care for all the earth.

We will need wisdom, **to follow Jesus’ calling.**

O God, we pray for those who conscientiously and selflessly provide responsible leadership in our cities, our country, and around the world. Today we pray especially for our newly elected and inaugurated President and Vice President. Give them safety and wisdom to guide our country to unity and to inspire the nations and peoples of the world to care for each other. We will need tolerance, **to follow Jesus' calling.**

O God, we pray that in the midst of suffering, your peace and mercy may surround those who are sick, distressed, or grieving, those who are outcast or disenfranchised, and all who await relief, *(especially Mary Ann & Esther, Geoff Baer, Neil McCardle, Diane Voron, Timmy Henn, Jr., Andrea & Jerry, Kyle, Ruth, Rudy, Hugh, Joanne, Sean, Lorraine, Kay, Cathy, Kristen, Larry, Debbie Riegel, Wendy, Tony & Karen, Gene Heft, Molly, Carol Mitchell, Joe Kupsky, Teri, Patti Ruth, Megan, Kathleen, Theresa Sherwin, Jane Atherholt, Donna Rader, Janet Mills, Dan, Emily, Wesley, Kevin, Lauren, Linda, Leo, Mel, Linda, Kristen, Patti, Marie, Tim M., Dianne, the Piccuirro Family, Jonah and Lois Prosser, and Louise Wagner and Sal Boscia, who are hospitalized this week.*

*We send condolences to the family and friends of David Harte, and we pray silently for those we name in our hearts. **A brief silence.***

We will need compassion, **to follow Jesus' calling.**

O God, we pray for our neighborhood, our community, our congregation, for families big and small, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, for those who are joining us by Zoom from faraway places and for those absent from our Zoom gathering. May all who seek to know you be nourished by your word offered here.

We will need to listen, **to follow Jesus' calling.**

O God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living. We will follow their example, as they point us to salvation through Christ.

We will need appreciation, **to follow Jesus' calling.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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 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.

Closing Hymn

"Thrive" - led by CLC PRAISE BAND

Benediction

Brenda Tarulli

"May the God of Hope Go With Us" (Dios de la esperanza) - led by

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour