

3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

22 January 2023

10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Reflection – “What do our lives look like when they’re sustained by the bread of life? Many times in our churches, we aren’t so much nourished by Christ as we are wearied by preparations. I’m not talking just about potlucks, but about all the tasks of ministry. ‘Sometimes the church just seems like too much work,’ sighed a friend on a Sunday morning as she hurried to locate people for committee business. Pastors and lay leaders alike know that feeling. We become satiated by work and not quite filled by the bread and drink that satisfies us spiritually. We remain as needy as ever and wearied by our efforts.”

- Paul Stroble, “The Jesus Diet,” *The Christian Century*, 26 July 2003, 19.

Words of Welcome – At this time please sign the ‘Welcome to Worship’ card located in your bulletin this morning. If you are a first-time guest, please mark this on your card so we can send you a personalized correspondence. Welcome to all!

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

Introit: *In His Holy Temple* Emily Lepine (United States, b. 1983)

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

(Habakkuk 2:20)

The Call to Worship: (From Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world and those who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in God’s holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts will receive blessing from the Lord.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, be above us to judge us, and be within us to convict us of our sin. Teach those of us who worship false gods to see you as the one true God. Teach those of us who commit evil deeds to obey you, and you alone. Teach those of us who oppress our neighbors the ways of righteousness and truth. Teach those of us who do not pursue peace the futility of war and the blessings of *shalom*. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon:

Friends believe the good news of the gospels.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Hymn to the Glory of God: Gloria Patri

Kevin Dill (2015)



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now, and shall be for - ev - er, A - men, A - men!

GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible p. 236-237

Message for Young Disciples

Choral Anthem: *Bow Down Low* Shaker Song, arr. David Bridges (United States, b. 1955)
Bow down low and bend your head, bow down low and bend your head,
for I've come to sweep this house, for to sweep the Lord's house clean.
Yes I've come to wash and clean from this floor the stains of sin,
For lo, I've come again, and I've not come in vain.
Sweep high, sweep low, sweep clean as you go.
Bow down low and bend your head, for to sweep the Lord's house clean.

Gospel Lesson: John 6:22-35

Pew Bible p. 119

Sermon:

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY
The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"
the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"
When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"
the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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.*

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commitment:** No. 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly *Holy Manna*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: *Marche Triomphale* Théodore Dubois (France, 1837-1924)

The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.