

Musical Prelude: All Hail The Power of Jesus Name by Oliver Holden Arr. Melody Bober

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Epiphany breaks upon us like a new dawn that comes to open our eyes. We cannot bear its brightness. It is like God come among us to fill us with the divine presence.

Opening Hymn VU # 608 Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

1 Dear God, who loves all humankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up, and follow thee.

3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm

Call to Worship:

We wait in silence for God to come among us.
We hope in God who is our Redeemer.
The powers of this world shall not overcome us.
God will deliver us from wanton avarice and easy forgetfulness.
We will trust God and never lose heart.
Let us worship in spirit and in truth. AMEN

Prayer of Approach:

Creator and Sustainer,
we come from the comforts and stresses,
the hopes and the fears of our daily lives.
We come with questions and doubts.
We come from the tangled confusion of the world.
Come and renew our broken lives.
Give us Your wisdom to live more fully in these days.
We pray in the Name of Jesus. AMEN

Hymn VU # 342 You Servants of God

1 You servants of God, your Savior proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,
Whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have,
the great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son!
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give as is right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Prayer of Confession

God of the Baptist and of Jesus, You have called us to new life. Show us how we can let go of the past and be renewed in Your presence. Wash us, bathe us in the waters of Your forgiving grace. Call us out of our accustomed ways. Show us the path we should follow. Lead us back to You that we may follow in hope and trust. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

God blesses the desire of those who have the courage to let go of the past, of their own past, and are ready for the open road.

Hymn VU # 579 The Church Is Wherever God's People

1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The Church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.

2 The Church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
The words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

The Word of God:

First Lesson: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

3The 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.

10 When 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.

Psalm 62: Song of Trust in God Alone To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. **A Psalm of David.**

62 For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
² He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved.
³ How long will you set upon a man
to shatter him, all of you,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
⁴ They only plan to thrust him down from his eminence.
They take pleasure in falsehood.
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.
⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.
⁹ Men of low estate are but a breath,
men of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God;

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zeb’edee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zeb’edee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

The Message “A New Social Vision” Rev. Keith Rameshwar

The Response:

Offertory:

Offertory Hymn:

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering

Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Dedication of Offering:

Prayers of the People:

The Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn VU # 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labour.

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

Commissioning:

Blessing:

Musical Postlude: Jesus Shall Reign by John Hatton. Arr. Cindy Berry