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Service of the Word of God

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2023

Chimes of the Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

The light of Christ is present with us.

****Call to Worship**

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

God of grace, we open ourselves to you today. We open ourselves to your grace, trusting that your love is greater than any misstep that we have made. We open ourselves to your power, trusting you will heal the wounds of our lives that get in the way of living abundantly in your Spirit. In silence we open our lives to you, the parts where we are proud and the parts where we feel shame, asking you to shower us with your grace, heal us with your power, and recreate us in your image.

Silent Prayer

Open our ears to your call, that in being forgiven and recreated that we might hear more clearly how you would use us in your world. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Christ travels the paths of this world with us, searching for those who are willing to follow. Open yourself to the miraculous work Christ is offering you right here and right now. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and made new.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn "The Summons" TFWS #2130

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 CEB

Special Music "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Nick Skaggs

Children's Message

Prayers for Healing:

Kevin; Nancy and Gerrit; Angela Fox; Janet Jenkins and Family; David English; Deb Justice; Dot Cody; John Shields; Judy and David; Frances Powell; Grace; Don Mathis; Sabrina; Ann; Nathan McKee; Lucille Drake; Connie; Gary McCollum; Jackson Prescott; Emily Harper; Baby Sunny; Howard Tate; Bill; Sheila; Trish; Tish; Jim Newman; Ed Jones; Carroll Wilson; Rosemary; Darlene; Heather Kemp; Danny Burnette; Ralph and Virginia Baines; Randy Benjamin; Sara Brotherton; Glenn Hill; Sandy Howard; Dawn; Pat; Karin; Jeff; Liz S; Chuck Kinsey; Sharon; Sherri Martin; Matt; Paula; John Baker; Maggie; Lynette Young; Lisa; Michael Tipton; Brian; Bill Welsch; Ilsa Young; Tina Blocker; Micah; John Shelton; Michael; Susan Ray; Peg Cavanaugh; Darlene Propst; Howard & Susie Orebaugh; Scott; Bobbi Ann Snelson; Scott Crandall; Patrick & Tanya; Tracy Plemmons; Karalee; Sylvia;

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon "Follow Me"

Doxology and Blessing of God's Tithes and Our Offerings #94

***Closing Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" #545

*** Benediction**

*Stand as you are able

**Call to worship written by Joanna Harader and posted on [Spacious Faith](#)

Lectionary Readings for next Sunday, January 29th

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

(Please prayerfully read God's word throughout the week in preparation for worship)

WEEK 2

In Person Attendance Last Sunday: 30
Online Attendance Last Sunday: 29
Budget Offering: \$ 1710
Weekly Budget Needed: \$2,085
Cumulative Budget Offering: \$2479.14
Cumulative Weekly Need: \$4170

The Spiritual Support group, meeting Tuesdays at 10, is going to read and discuss How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi, Boston University Professor. If you would like to join us, please let Barbara Merrill or Rich Ashley know so we can order you a book.