3rd Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2024

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

-Psalm 96:1-2, NI

Invocation (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

O God, you summon the day to dawn, You teach the morning to waken the earth. For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands. For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy. Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. Great is your love. Amen.

∯ Hymn 8

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Susan Obenschain

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

Merciful God,you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-based on Psalm 51:10-12

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Susan Obenschain

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. $_{\rm -Jeremiah~33:8,~NRSV}$

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

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. A-men, A-men.

<u>Offering</u>

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,

and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling

sacrifice to God. –Ephesians 5:1-2, NJB

Offering

Offertory He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1
When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold

He must hold me fast.

Chorus
He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2
Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Chorus

Verse 3
For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!

Chorus (2 x)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise Song

Come Unto Jesus

Verse 1 Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary; Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy; Come unto Jesus. mighty to heal.

Verse 2

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying, Hope of the penitent, peace in our strife; Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying: "My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

Chorus

Come unto Jesus, come unto Jesus. Lay down your burdens, He is enough; Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Verse 3

Come taste the Bread of Life; broken for sinners; Drink from the cup of His promise made sure. Feast at His table as sons and as daughters; Grace overflowing is yours evermore.

Chorus

Verse 4

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking; All that was gain, count as nothing but loss. Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading; Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;

Come unto Jesus, take up your crass, Life everlasting He offers to us!

Chorus Chorus

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Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:40-56

⁴⁰ When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Just then, a man named Jairus came. He was a leader of the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus's feet and pleaded with him to come to his house, ⁴² because he had an only daughter about twelve years old, and she was dying.

While he was going, the crowds were nearly crushing him. ⁴³ A woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years, who had spent all she had on doctors and yet could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴ approached from behind and touched the end of his robe. Instantly her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are hemming you in and pressing against you."

- ⁴⁶ "Someone did touch me," said Jesus. "I know that power has gone out from me." ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she was discovered, she came trembling and fell down before him. In the presence of all the people, she declared the reason she had touched him and how she was instantly healed. ⁴⁸ "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has saved you. Go in peace."
- ⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue leader's house and said, "Your daughter is dead. Don't bother the teacher anymore."
- ⁵⁰ When Jesus heard it, he answered him, "Don't be afraid. Only believe, and she will be saved." ⁵¹ After he came to the house, he let no one enter with him except Peter, John, James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Everyone was crying and mourning for her. But he said, "Stop crying, because she is not dead but asleep."
- ⁵³ They laughed at him, because they knew she was dead. ⁵⁴ So he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he gave orders that she be given something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astounded, but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

Sermon

"Two Healings" Rev. Tim Latham



Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death Christ alone Christ alone What is our only confidence That our souls to Him belong Who holds our days within His hand What comes apart from His command And what will keep us to the end The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul God is good God is good Where is His grace and goodness known In our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise Who stands above the stormy trial Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing Christ He lives Christ He lives And what reward will heaven bring Everlasting life with Him There we will rise to meet the Lord Then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore

Responding We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith (Romans 8)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV

Prayers of the People

Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 345 Blessed Assurance

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude