

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 26, 2025**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

! **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Bonnie Mecaughey

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name,
O Most High.**

—from Psalm 9:1-2, NRSV

! **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Bonnie Mecaughey

O Lord God, how great you are! On the first day of the week we commemorate your creation of the world and all that is in it.

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord God, how great you are On the first day of the week we commemorate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, from the dead.

Lord, create in us a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

O Lord God, how great you are! On the first day of the week we celebrate in song the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church and throughout the whole world.

Amen and Amen!

! **Opening Hymn 64**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

—Isaiah 1:18, NIV

Prayer of Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

—1 John 1:5-7, 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.*



Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

Offering

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

Invitation Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

—Psalm 50:14, NRSV

Offering

Offertory

! **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**

Emmanuel, God with us, the Magi followed the star to find you.
Amazed, they gave gifts. We too are amazed by your presence
among us, by the gift that you are to us. With joyful hearts, we
bring you our gifts of time, of money, of ourselves. Use these
and us to serve you and your world. **Amen.**

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

! **Preparation Song** *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.*

Refrain

*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?*

Refrain

Verse 3

*Unto the grave, what shall 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 forever more.*

Refrain

*Tag - Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-12

2 On the third day a wedding took place in Cana of Galilee. Jesus's mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples were invited to the wedding as well. ³ When the wine ran out, Jesus's mother told him, "They don't have any wine." ⁴ "What has this concern of yours to do with me, woman?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵ "Do whatever he tells you," his mother told the servants. ⁶ Now six stone water jars had been set there for Jewish purification. Each contained twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ "Fill the jars with water," Jesus told them. So they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." And they did. ⁹ When the headwaiter tasted the water (after it had become wine), he did not know where it came from—though the servants who had drawn the water knew. He called the groom ¹⁰ and told him, "Everyone sets out the fine wine first, then, after people are drunk, the inferior. But you have kept the fine wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. ¹² After this, he went down to Capernaum, together with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there only a few days.

Sermon

*"Water Into Wine"
Rev. Tim Latham*



Hymn of Response 202

Amazing Grace

Responding

We respond to God's Word



Profession of Faith (In Unison)

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of

the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

—based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in Your mercy;

All: Hear our Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory forever, Amen.**

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Commission Song

All My Boast is in Jesus

Verse 1

*What wonder of wonders, what love is this;
That Christ would die for me!
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,
This sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified; the work is finished!*

Chorus

*All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

Verse 2

*Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord! Who else is worthy?*

Chorus

*All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

Bridge (2 times)

*O, praise the One, forever blessed! Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less than the love of Christ my Lord.*

Verse 3

*I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ in plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see. His pow'r within me!*

Chorus

*All my boast is in Jesus, All my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever, in what the Cross has done.*

Chorus 2

*Now I stand in this freedom; ransomed, clean in His sight,
oh, and I cannot be ashamed for my boast is Jesus Christ.
My boast is Jesus Christ. Forever, my boast is Jesus Christ.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**