

# $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH} \\ \textit{of} \ \textbf{MADISON} \end{array}$



January 21, 2024 Third Sunday After Epiphany

# ORDER of WORSHIP

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### **Prelude**

# Welcome/Announcements

- \* Call to Worship
- L: We are called to be the church, to love God and serve others.
- P: We gather as sisters and brothers in Christ, praising God's faithfulness, embracing each other in love, and committed to acting out that love in God's world.
- L: We worship God in joy and expectation.
- P: For we are not alone. God is our help, our hope, and our shelter!

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

\* Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth (v1, refrain, v2, refrain)

# **Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy and mystery, we confess your mercy can disturb us. We sit in judgment on what we hear, and cannot imagine offering forgiveness applies in all cases. We prefer to think that your judgment matches ours. Forgive us for presuming we see as you see, and understand all that you understand. Have mercy upon us, O God, when we give up on the power of mercy.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

# \* Congregational Response

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices;

the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

# Passing of the Peace

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

# **Prayer for Illumination**

God of new life, your Word can change lives with mercy and purpose. Send your Holy Spirit to help us hear your Word with its potential to change our lives as we follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

# First Scripture Reading

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

1 The 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." 3 So 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. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 And 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.

# **Second Scripture Reading**

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. 16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Sermon

Go Live Out Your Calling

Mark 1: 14-20

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering
Invitation to Offering
Offertory
\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen!

\*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

# **Prayers of the People**

...Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

from The New Zealand Prayer Book (1989)

# GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

\* Closing Hymn Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (v1, refrain, v4, refrain)

#### **Benediction**

\*Postlude

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,

to be Christ's body in the world.

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# **WORSHIP LEADER**

Susan Mennella

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# A GRATEFUL THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you for the lovely coffee hour celebration of my 70th birthday this past Sunday (and Happy Birthday singing)! The gifts I received were very much appreciated. The macarons lasted all of three minutes and were enjoyed by my friends as well. The flowers brightened the gray winter days this week and the delicious, homemade coconut cake (Thank you baker Mary-Anna Holden) would leave Ina Garten, Martha Stewart, and Dolly Parton (Mary-Anna used her recipe) asking for seconds. I will keep your warm wishes for my birthday and the days ahead in my heart. With thanks, Jacqui

#### 2024 ANNUAL PER-CAPITA CONTRIBUTION

Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of governing, in how we live out our faith as a congregation and are relationally connected to our Presbytery as well as to our Synod, and General Assembly. And so every member of a Presbyterian Church can help defray this expense associated with being a member church of each Presbytery. Your PCMadison's contribution this year is \$42.50 per member. The amount is the same as last year. Please help us to defray this cost. You may write a check to the church and write "Per Capita" on the memo line. Thank you very much.

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 4th at 11:15 am immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving committee reports, receiving the Session approved church budget, and electing church officers. This will be a hybrid meeting -- in person and via ZOOM. Details for the ZOOM link will be made available at a later date.

# JOY! JOY! JOY!

Translates into Thank you! Thank you! Through your generosity, PCM received \$1,000 for the Christmas Joy offering, which will support past, present, and future leaders of the church. Specifically, half of the amount collected at the national level supports retired church workers, and half supports Presbyterian-related schools and colleges serving communities of color. Thank you!

#### IFP FACT

Besides a drastic increase in the price of food, in 2023, IFP experienced a 30% year-over-year growth in new clients each month.

Wow ... these are our neighbors right here in Morris County! We can make a difference one individual, one can, one food item at a time! Please drop off one item - just one - in Doris's Wagon (by the church office) or the basket in the narthex. Be the individual who makes a difference.

#### **COMING FEBRUARY 11-TACKLE HUNGER!**

Everyone has an opportunity to be a Souper Bowl champion this day when our PCM youth host our annual Souper Bowl of Caring! Dollars or food items, whatever works for you, works for our neighbors who rely on the Interfaith Food Pantry for their next meal. Join us!

SAVE THE DATE-ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 14
An Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm.

# PRAYER LIST

- Susan and her family as they remember Benjamin on the one year anniversary of his death
- Madison Patrolman Renato Capillas and his family as his father continues his recovery in a rehab facility
- Brian Peterson, returning to work and continuing recovery from back surgery
- Bill, father of Sara Burnet, and for his wife, Jeri Ann, and Sara
- Eduard Mostert, recovering at home after bike accident
- Zoelle, recently diagnosed with a serious form of breast
- cancer

   Philip, who recently moved to Sunrise Assisted Living,

and his wife Ruth

the escalation of war

 People caught on both sides from ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia; continuing work toward peace; continuing release of captured soldiers from both sides

Continuing loss of life in Gaza from ongoing war between

of violence being experienced by Jews and Muslims since

- Israel and Hamas; release of hostages held by Hamas and working toward peaceful ending
  All those dealing with division, hatred, prejudice and racism here and around the world, especially the increase
- William Christopher for a full recovery from hip surgery and Donna, his loving daughter and caregiver
- Deborah for healing from grief and to feel joy in her heart again
- Pat for a new job that will relieve her stress and unhealthy environment in her current job
- Esther for strength, hope, and healing as she goes through cancer treatment
  Kiarnan and Brian dealing with mental health issues and
- their families
   Brian and continued success with migraine treatment
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- Len battling cancer
- Ed for continued healing from a serious leg break, for strength and a positive spirit
- Ben, now back in Florham Park Middle School after treatment for cancer
- All those experiencing losses of life and property from natural disasters

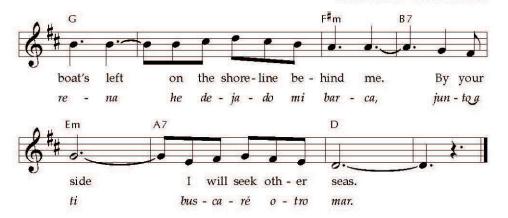


In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

# 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.



#### SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos, tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas, tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos, ansia eterna de almas que esperan, amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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