

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PUBLIC WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Donna Bowers

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
 NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
 SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children up to 9 years old
 *All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS “Adagio, K.356” – W.A. Mozart 1756-1791

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God’s Word and for God’s glory.

INTROIT: “Arise, Shine!”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (If children are present)

*HYMN: #634 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) “More Love to Thee”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**Unison**)

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: *In the light of that star lie the ages imperaled; and that song from afar has swept over the world. Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!*

CONCERNS and JOYS

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Pew Bible Page 60)

Liturgist

John baptizes Jesus; the Spirit descends; God says: You are my Son

ANTHEM: “God Is Here”

Choir

SERMON: “10 Cow Men and Women”

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*HYMN: #553 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) “Nearer, My God to Thee”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Leader/**People**)

(L) What is the chief end of humankind?

(P) Humankind’s chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy God forever.

(L) What rule have we been given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

(P) The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

(L) What do the Scriptures principally teach?

(P) The Scriptures principally teach what we are to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of us.

(L) What is God?

(P) God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY: “Chapel Prayer” - Michael Shea

*SONG OF DEDICATION: “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. Amen.”

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

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THE SENDING

*HYMN: #444 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) “I Love to Tell the Story”

*CHARGE and BLESSING

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*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE: “March” - B. Yarnold (d. 1787)

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis