

January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Chuck Klaassen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee

Peter Stearns

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Well you see, it may be that the salvation of the world lies in the hands of the maladjusted. The challenge to you this morning as I leave you is to be maladjusted... as maladjusted as Jesus of Nazareth who dared to dream a dream of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. ... Through such maladjustment we will be able to emerge from the bleak and desolate midnight of man's inhumanity to man into the bright and glittering daybreak of freedom and justice.

-Martin Luther King Jr., September 2, 1957

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 36

Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens,

and your faithfulness to the clouds.

your righteousness is like the strong mountains,

your justice like the great deep;

you save all your creatures, O God.

How priceless is your love, O God;

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

Come, let us worship the Holy One our God!

***OPENING HYMN**

#156 Sing of God Made Manifest

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The mercy and love of God are far wider and deeper than the totality of our sin.
Trusting in the resurrection and victory of Jesus Christ let us make our confession.

O God,
You reveal the depth of compassion,
as we shelter in our own preoccupation.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You challenge the narrowness of our vision,
as we underestimate the bounds of grace.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You offer life in all its fullness,
as we build the walls of self security.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Receive the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Trust the good news and give thanks, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God.
Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The 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.
Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gather us round, O God, as the scriptures are read and proclaimed. Pour forth your wisdom, as a grandparent to a child during story time, that we might grow in hope, faith, and love. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSV)

1For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
2The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
3You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
4You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
5For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)

1Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. 4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

1On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" 5His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Winter's Path

Amy F. Bernon

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Theological Declaration of Barmen

"Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (I Cor. 1:30.)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All thanks and praise to you O God, creator of the universe and all that is within it.

We come to you in gratitude for this, another day of life in your beautiful creation.

We give you thanks for the call you have placed on our lives, for your grace made known in Jesus Christ, and for this family of faith into which you have adopted us. We celebrate the diversity of gifts that you have given us to share with one another, the whole of your Church, and the world.

In the silence of our hearts we lift to you now all for which we are grateful...

We give you thanks that when we call to you in prayer you do not leave our intercessions unheard. In recognition of this truth we pray for the needs of the church, the whole of humanity, and the world.

We pray for your Church, that we and all its members may be faithful disciples; living the way of Jesus; loving you with our whole selves and loving all our neighbors.

We pray for this earth; that it might be freed from the ravages of war, disease, and pollution. We pray for those devastated by fire, hurricane, earthquake, and all manner of disaster; especially we pray for the people of Los Angeles. We pray for those areas decimated by violence and warfare; especially we pray for Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Yemen, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We pray for those in positions of leadership across this nation and around the globe; may they lead with wisdom, justice, humility, and mercy.

We pray for all who suffer from illness or injury. We pray also for the doctors, nurses, medical professionals, and caregivers seeking the healing and wellness of others. We ask for your healing presence to be made known to all in need. Especially we pray for.... Surround them with your peace.

We pray for those who struggle with faith, for those who feel their connection to you is lost, for those who search, but aren't sure where to look. Reveal yourself to them anew in Word and Spirit, and empower us to share your life giving love, the Good News of Jesus Christ, with all we encounter.

We pray for all who struggle for justice; devoting themselves to ending white supremacy, antisemitism, transphobia, and all systems of hate, fear, and oppression. Encourage and empower us to seek justice for all people.

We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, who don't have a safe place to call home, who struggle to maintain the basic necessities of life. May all people have enough, even more than enough.

We pray for all that rests wearily on our hearts and minds...

Hear these prayers, O God of mercy, and strengthen us for all that is ahead, until the day when you usher us into the blessed Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

N. J. Lemmens

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Prayer of Confession is taken from *Courage to Love*,
Compiled by Geoffery Duncan, published by The Pilgrim Press, 2002.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the *Book of Common Worship (2018)* or is written in house.

#156 Sing of God Made Manifest | TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990 | MUSIC: Jakob Hintze, 1678; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach |
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#395 Blessed Jesus, At Your Word | TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. | MUSIC:
Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt. | Public domain

#761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service | TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981 | MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870 | Text © 1981
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting & Potluck: Please join us for a Sunday Dinner Potluck in the fellowship hall following the BPC Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th. Bring a dish to share and enjoy yummy food, energizing conversation and great fellowship with other BPC family members and friends. See you then!

How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Janice Sorby
- Julie Long and family following the death of her cousin.

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Pastor Brian

Monday

Office Closed for MLK Day
5:00p Fellowship Committee Meeting

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
5:00p Missions Committee Meeting
6:30p Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday

7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith
10:00a Women of Faith
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group
7:00p Communications Committee Meeting

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:30a Worship
10:30a CCC: Annual Meeting & Potluck

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Sing of God Made Manifest 156

1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.