

**Order of Worship
for
The Sunday of Epiphany
January 15, 2023**

**OPENING SONG
“Sing Your Praise to the Lord”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!
And also with you!*

**SONG
“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”**

Let us pray

*Holy God, our strength, and our redeemer: by Your Spirit hold us forever, that
through Your grace we may worship You, serve You, follow You and joyfully find
You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**HYMN
“Earth and All Stars!”
ELW 731**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

**From the book of Isaiah,
chapter forty-nine, verses one through seven.
The nation of Israel speaks:**

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time His own righteousness, so that He is righteous and He justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 1:1-9

**From Paul's first letter to the Corinthians,
chapter one, verses one through nine.**

Paul writes:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

**From the Gospel of Luke,
chapter two, verses forty-one through fifty-two.**

Luke writes:

⁴¹ Now every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but His parents were unaware of this. ⁴⁴ Assuming that He was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for Him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for Him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸ When His parents saw Him they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.” ⁴⁹ He said to them, “Why were you searching for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what He said to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Too Easy a Thing”

Rev. David Hewitt

**SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING
“A Boy Like Me/A Man Like You”
By Rich Mullins
Sung by David Moscrip**

**MESSAGE
“The Maturing Messiah and Me”
Rev. David Hewitt**

**SONG
“I See You”**

OFFERING

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**HYMN
“We Are An Offering”
ELW 692**

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

At this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

**For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may so.**

**For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!

HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELW 689

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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