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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 24, 2021

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Jefferson – Wood

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

(Minute for Mission: Haiti)

St. Colomba – Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.
Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

HYMN – “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

**When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth’s wide circle round In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning.
You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news
that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “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.**

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – 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.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – Mark 1:14-20

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 fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for 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.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – Rev. Anthony Lorenz

HYMN – “Jesus Calls Us”

**Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, “Christian, follow Me.”**

**As, of old, apostles heard it By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for His dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, “Christian, love Me more.”**

**In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”**

**Jesus call us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thy obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**To you, O God of glory, we offer the gifts of our lives
as a way of bearing witness to the gift of your Word made flesh.
Use the humble things we offer as signs of your grace and truth
so that all may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

SENDING

HYMN – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE – *Andante* - Stanley



SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Bill Beck

Reader: Ryan Crim

Vocalists: Ron & Deb Richcreek

Camera: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

- * **the church at work:** *Synod of:* Mid-Atlantic; *Presbyteries of:* New York City; Cherokee; Mission; Philadelphia; *and in* Liberia
- * **the church in Carlisle Presbytery:** First PC (Carlisle); Rev. Anthony Lorenz
- * **the church in the community:** The Salvation Army (S. Hanover St.)
- * **the congregation (at random):** John & Nancy Augustine; Pat Peffer

NEXT SUNDAY . . . 4th Sunday after Epiphany . . . January 31, 2021

WORSHIP: (online only)

SERVING: Carlton Walker (Reader); Deb & Ron Richcreek (vocalists)

NOTE: While in-person worship is suspended currently, Sunday morning worship continues to be recorded at 9:15 AM and posted by Noon on the church website, church Facebook page, and YouTube (“Sunday on the Square”).



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