# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2023

## Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

**Prelude** 

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Preparation for Worship** (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Invocation (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.

### 10,000 Reasons

Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

#### Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

#### Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

#### Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending Lord I'll worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

## Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

### **Call to Confession**

Hob Pusey

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Hob Pusev

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.** 

#### **Time for Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hob Pusey

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

### 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. A-men, A-men.

# Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

**Invitation** Each of you must give as you have made up your

mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God

loves a cheerful giver.

Offering

**Offertory** Ever Be by K. Heiligenthal

Mike Lenz

### 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. A-men

### Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon Who Needs a Doctor? Val Fieo

Scripture Reading Mark 2:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> Then, passing by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> While he was reclining at the table in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who were following him. <sup>16</sup> When the scribes who were Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard this, he told them, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sermon "Who Needs a Doctor?"

Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

Hymn 344 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Profession of Faith (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Prayers of the People** 

## <u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 342 Just as I Am

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Doreen Newby, Chuck Stauffer

Postlude