

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude *Come Unto Jesus* *(flute & piano)*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **Call to Worship** *(Responsively)* *Celia Weber*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

—Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

 **Invocation** *(Responsively)* *Celia Weber*

God of goodness and grace,
we long for your presence,
for the peace your promises bring,
and for the assurances we have received
through the gift of your Son.
**May we, your people,
this day and every day,
have open eyes to see
and open ears to hear
your presence among us.**
Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord,
and prepare us for worship. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 1** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Confessing
*God invites us to be honest with Him***

Call to Confession *Celia Weber*

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach
the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and

compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Celia Weber

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come
before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into
trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord,
and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God,
all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious,
filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.
On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. **Amen.**

—based on Daniel 9:4-19

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Celia Weber

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

—Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1, NIV

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

Christ is All in All

by Hill, Shive, Getty

Verse 1

*Sons and daughters of the King,
Rise up and sing,
That Christ is all in all.
Sing the glories of His name, together proclaim
That Christ is all in all.*

Verse 2

*Brothers, sisters build upon
This cornerstone,
For Christ is all in all.
Worship Him with lives renewed,
In Spirit and truth
For Christ is all in all.*

Chorus

*See how He loves us;
Children of God!
Now let us love each other.
If He has called us
Children of God,
That's who we are,
His chosen and beloved.*

Verse 3

*Bound together by His blood,
Rooted in love
Where Christ is all in all.
Standing in one faith, one Lord,
One Holy accord
Where Christ is all in all.*

Chorus

*See how He loves us;
Children of God!
Now let us love each other.
If He has called us
Children of God,
That's who we are,
His chosen and beloved.*

Bridge

*Look at what the Lord has done;
Made us one by the blood of Jesus!
Look at what the Lord has done;
Now we love with the love of Jesus!
(3 times)*

*Chorus
How He loves us;
Children of God!
Now let us love each other.
If He has called us
Children of God,
That's who we are,
His chosen and beloved.*

*Tag
Sons and daughters of the King,
Rise up and sing,
That Christ is all in all.*

✠ 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

We are not our own; we belong to you.
You have created us and given us life anew,
O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer.
We extend our arms and open our hands
to present our offerings to you.
We make these gestures to display outwardly
our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts.
Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God,
and through them bring life and hope to many.
In the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

✠ Praise Song *Lord, I Need You*

Verse 1
Lord, I Come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need you.

Verse 2
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Chorus

Tag

You're my one defense: my righteousness; oh, God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, oh, God, how I need You.

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-49

²⁷ “But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don't hold back your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and from someone who takes your things, don't ask for them back. ³¹ Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. ³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can the blind guide the blind? Won't they both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ “Why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye, but don't notice the beam of wood in your own eye? ⁴² Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,’ when you yourself don't see the beam of wood in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the beam of wood out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the splinter in your brother's eye.

⁴³ “A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit; on the other hand, a bad tree doesn't produce good fruit. ⁴⁴ For each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs

aren't gathered from thornbushes, or grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ A good person produces good out of the good stored up in his heart. An evil person produces evil out of the evil stored up in his heart, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don't do the things I say? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them: ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The river crashed against it, and immediately it collapsed. And the destruction of that house was great.”

Sermon

"How We Must Live"
Rev. Tim Latham

🕯️ Hymn 404

The Solid Rock

Responding

We respond to God's Word

🕯️ **Profession of Faith** (*Apostle's Creed*)

**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 Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at 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 Spirit,
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 (*Responsively*)

God has called us out of darkness
into the glorious light of the Son.
Let us therefore pray for those who do not yet know the light
and for all those in need of our prayers,
saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."
For the church and its ministry to the world,
and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

[*Silence*]

For the nations of the world and their leaders,
for all those in authority [*especially . . .*],
and for an end to war and oppression,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

[*Silence*]

For those who have not heard the good news of salvation,
for those who have heard but have not believed,
and for those who have forsaken their faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

For those who are lonely and destitute,
for victims of injustice and discrimination,
for those who are unloved and forgotten,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

For those who are sick in body, mind, and spirit,
for those who are hungry and homeless,
for those who are dying or bereaved,
and for all those in need of our prayers [*especially . . .*],
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

[Silence]

For the saints who have gone before us in the faith
and are now at rest [*especially . . .*],
we give thanks to the Lord.

And for all the saints on earth
who surround us in a great fellowship of love,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people
and guide our thoughts and actions,
so that your will may be done and your name glorified,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Praise Song

Jesus, Firm Foundation

*How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

Verse 2

*Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand*

Chorus

*How firm our foundation
How sure our salvation
And we will not be shaken
Jesus firm foundation*

Verse 3

*The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm
And though even hell should endeavor to shake*

*He'll never no never no never forsake
He'll never no never no never forsake*

Chorus

*Bridge
Age to age He stands faithful to the end
All may fade away but
He will remain He will remain*

Chorus

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**