

January 17, 2021 — 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
10 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

"The Way"

Verse 1

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
Oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

Chorus

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe (You are)

Verse 2

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are

Bridge

It's a new horizon
And I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You)
(When I believe You are)

MUSIC

"Gather at the River"

Verse 1

Sometimes we don't see eye to eye
We don't agree we don't know why
But Jesus prayed that we'd be one
So for the sake of God's own Son
Can we put away our differences lay down our pride
I think it's time we start Turnin' the tide

Chorus 1

Shall we gather at the river of forgiveness
Come together at the waters of love
Flowin' like a fountain from the Mercy Giver
Shall we gather at the river

Verse 2

We have all made enemies of
The ones we're called by Christ to love
But there's redemption at the riverside
The water's deep the water's wide
It can wash away our bitterness
The current is strong
I think we've been out in the desert too long

Bridge

We can wade into the middle
Where the healing waters flow
It only takes a little to heal
A wounded soul
It will only bring us closer
Than we've ever been before
This is just what Jesus Was prayin' for

Chorus 2

Shall we gather at the river of forgiveness
Come together at the waters of love
Flowin' like a fountain from the Mercy Giver
(Shall we gather)

Chorus 3

Shall we gather, gather at the river
Come together at the waters of love
Flowin' like a fountain from the Mercy Giver
Shall we gather at the river

WELCOME

CALL TO COMMUNITY

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, bearing gifts of mercy for all.

C **Amen.**

L We are here in response to the call of God's love,

C **thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.**

L We pray for compassion to share the divine with others

C **as shared love, not divided but multiplied.**

L Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded,

C **welcoming those near and far, to the love of this divine presence.**

INVOCATION

L From deep within us we know the loving presence.

All around us we see glory, life, and light.

In this moment, your divine presence grows deeper,
making our awareness grow more intense.

C **May we rehearse attentiveness to God, who loves us at all times.**

CONFESSION

L Holy God, we are blessed and privileged to share within this loving community.

Forgive us for reluctance to open doors and hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to strangers or enemies, for fear they may become friends.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace.

God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.

Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.

C **Amen**

MUSIC

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

1 **"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

2 **"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?"**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**

**3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

**4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

MUSIC

Greg Adamson, Cello

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

L LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

C **You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

L You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

C **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

L You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

C **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

L For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

L My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

C **our eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

L How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

C If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Blessed Be Your Name"*

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness**

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

Verse 3

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 4

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

Bridge

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name**

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BEFORE THE READING

L Today's Gospel reading is from the book of John, beginning in the 1st chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him,

“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Nate Allen

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

**3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

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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 power of 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**

OFFERING INVITATION

**L We see the need and have come to this place for new life.
The gifts we give are but tokens of the blessings of this new life in Christ. We
bring our gifts with joy, reminders of how blessed we are to know this love, so
generously given from the spirit of God.**

OFFERING

"Way Maker"

Verse 1

**You are here moving in our midst, I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place, I worship You I worship You**

Chorus

**(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are**

Verse 2

**You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You**

Verse 3

**You are here turning lives around, I worship you, I worship you
You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship you, I worship you
That is who You are**

Bridge

**Even when I don't see it You're working, even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working, you never stop You never stop working**

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DEDICATION

L We pray,

C **may these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

L For the greater Church, that we listen deeply to the Word, allowing it to transform and lead us to share in Christ's mission.

(sung) Lord hear us. **C** **Lord hear our prayer.**

L For leaders, that they will act with integrity, resist using position for their own benefit, instead uphold principles that add dignity to people's lives.

(sung) Lord hear us. **C** **Lord hear our prayer.**

L: For teenagers and young adults, that they can access people of wisdom in times of uncertainty, difficulty and doubt, and receive wise and understanding counsel.

(sung) Lord hear us. **C** **Lord hear our prayer.**

L For souls in their wisdom years, that they will reflect on their experience of life, sharing kind and compassionate patience.

(sung) Lord hear us. **C** **Lord hear our prayer.**

L For the earth, our common home, that we might marvel at the extreme beauty and God's presence in nature, committing our protection and care.

(sung) Lord hear us. **C** **Lord hear our prayer.**

L For all of us who are gathered here now, that our homes will be places of warm welcome, offering hospitality to guests and family alike.

(sung) Lord hear us. C **Lord hear our prayer.**

P For our community of St. Paul

(sung) Lord hear us. C **Lord hear our prayer.**

P God, your voice goes out to all the earth, and you call each of us by name. Strengthen us in faith, that we hear your call to “come and follow”... We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers on the Altar are to the Glory of God by
Bill & Barbara Meyer
In celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary**

**Mike & Laura Day
In honor of Hannah’s 15th birthday**

BLESSING

P Now may the one who is faithful, be with us as we depart this blessed place. May we be a blessing every place we go, until we gather again.

C **Amen.**

MUSIC

DISMISSAL

L Epiphany God, with you every day is an opportunity for new direction.

C **May our daily path move us to love more deeply, honor each other more reverently, and trust you as the source of every new beginning. May your light continue to guide, and may every journey be an opportunity for seeking, revealing, turning, and forgiving. Amen.**

L Go in the name of Christ

C **Thanks be to God**