

*Jesse Lee United Methodist Church  
January 23, 2022  
Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Welcome! We are glad you are here today!*

**PREPARING**  
***"Prelude"***

***Prelude:***

***Gathering*** – As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able.*

*“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:26*

***\*Call to Worship (Unison)***

*L: This day is holy to our God; do not mourn or weep.*

*P: The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us to bring good news to the poor.*

*L: This day is holy to our God; for the joy of the Holy One is our strength.*

*P: God sends us to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and justice to the oppressed.*

*L: On this day, may the scripture be fulfilled in our hearing:*

*P: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasant to you, Holy One, our rock and our Redeemer.*

***Opening Prayer (in unison)***

*Holy Maker of stars and planets, Holy mender of joyful news, we stand in awe of your glory. We cry out with the psalmist in wonder, as your word is proclaimed in the silent song of the cosmos. We cry out with your faithful ones, as your presence is made known in the stories of your people at*

*all times and places. When the people returned from captivity in Babylon, you gave them your precepts to sustain them, as they rebuilt the city. When Jesus read the words of your prophets to his hearers in the synagogue, he reminded them of your promise to release captives, to restore sight to the blind and to free the oppressed. Today, you call us to be members of the body of Christ, your embodied Word made flesh, and to offer healing and wholeness wherever we go. May our songs and our stories, our praise and our thanks, be pleasant to you this day, Holy One, our rock and our redeemer.*

***Hymn:***                      ***“Great Is thy Faithfulness”***                      ***UMH #140***

***Prayers of the Christ’s Church for Others and Ourselves***  
***(Sharing Our Joys and Concerns)***

***Pastoral Prayer***

***The Lord’s Prayer (unison)***

*Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**CHRIST’S WAY & OUR RESPONSE**

***Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10***

***Prayer of Illumination***

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen*

***Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a***

***"Hymn:***                      ***“For the Beauty of the Earth”***                      ***UMH# 92***

Message: "One Body, Many Members" Pastor Fern Blair Hart

**\*Exchange of Signs of the Peace of the Risen Christ**

**Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts**

**Offertory: "Offertory"**

**Doxology: "Glory Be To The Father". UMH #71**

**Prayer of Dedication (In unison)**

**Christ of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace.**

**In gratitude and joy we pray. Amen**

**GOING FORTH FOR GOD**

**Hymn: "To God Be The Glory" UMH#98**

**Benediction**

**Postlude: "Postlude"**

**We'd like to welcome our guest organist Noah Klein**

Noah Klein recently graduated from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University with a BM in Organ Performance, studying under Dr. Janette Fishell. He was the Musical Intern for Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Back home in Northfield, Minnesota, Noah plays for local churches in the area as well as organ recital series throughout southern Minnesota. He was the winner of the Great Lakes Regional RYCO at the 2019 regional AGO convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Noah also had the opportunity during the summer of 2019 to play at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City as part of their "First Friday" series, which features undergraduate and graduate organ students from leading music conservatories across the US and Canada. He is pursuing his Master in Music degree at the Yale School of Music/Institute of Sacred Music, studying with Prof. Martin Jean.

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