



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday after Epiphany | January 24, 2021

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Listen to the stories of God,
promising God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Listen to the Son of God,
showing us how to live, love, and serve.

Listen to the Spirit of God,
revealing God's call in our lives.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Calling God,
you alone are holy;
you alone are good.
Help us to let go of worldly goods
and leave lesser things behind.
Enable us to trust,
that for you, all things are possible.
And when we hear your call,
give us the courage to obey you—with all our heart—
and to “serve and love thee best of all.”
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

***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.”***

***Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.***

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 TUNE: William H. Jude, 1887 P.D.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

PRESENTATION BY THE CLERK OF SESSION

For Ordination

Suzanne James and Susanne Pierce to the Office of Deacon

For Installation and Commitment Ongoing Service

Elders 2021	2022	2023
David Green	Bob Gorman	Susan Alley
Rusty Russ	Don Kauffman	Ed Carter
Jane Townsend	Gail Thomas	Barbara Montague
Debbie Wingfield	Donna Trest	Ryan Smithwick

Deacons 2021	2022	2023
Betsy Braddock	Wendy Hughes	Sally Gunn
Bill Miller	Daphne Jones	Charlie Libert
Suzanne James	Berta Murray	Susanne Pierce
Mabel Winslow	Dick Wilson	Marvin Stackhouse

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM (Schutte)

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?

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.

CLOSING PRAYER AND TRANSITION

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?

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.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

Rev. Laura Viau, Interim Pastor (laurabviau@gmail.com)

Randy Warner, Liturgy and Music Associate and Accompanist;
Kathy Sasso, Church Secretary; **Linda Rowell**, Church Treasurer;
Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder; **Crystal Braxton**, Nursery;
Hery Ramambasoa, Regional Liaison for Southeast Asia and the Pacific

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