

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022
Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor

3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Maxine Alstrom, Music Director



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Viv

*Gracious God, We gather to celebrate
 that no darkness can extinguish light,
 to remember that love will always be
 more powerful than death,
 and to trust that peace will always be
 stronger than violence.
 Bless us in our worship this morning. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**We commune with Christians around the world,
 with Christians throughout time.**

**With Christians across geography and across time,
 Let us worship!**

HYMN #600

“Wonderful Words of Life”

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
 Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
 Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
 Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessèd One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
 Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
 All so freely given, wooing us to heaven. *Refrain*

3. Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
 Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
 Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and darkness,
 we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us,
 but we have turned away and followed other paths.
 We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,
 with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 Forgive us, Holy One.
 Strengthen our faltering steps
 and guide us in your holy way of peace. *A time of silent confession.*

Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.
 The light of God shines through the darkness.
Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 14-21

Jeannie Laureano, Reader

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC **“All Creatures of Our God and King”** **Organ and Bell Choir Recording**

MESSAGE **THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS: LOOKING IN THE MIRROR**
“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” v. 15

THE MORNING’S OFFERINGS OF OUR HEARTS AND OUR GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE MORNING PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Karen

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN #368

“My Hope is Built”

**1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name**
Refrain
**On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

2. When darkness veils his lovely face
 I rest on His unchanging grace
 In every high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
 Supports me in the 'whelming flood
 When all around my soul gives way
 He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound
 Oh may I then in Him be found
 Dressed in his righteousness alone
 Faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

May the path that Christ walks to bring justice upon the earth,
 to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
 to bring out those who live in bondage,
 to bring new things to all creation:
 may this path run through our life.
 May we be the road Christ takes. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

Monday, January 24

10 AM Zoom Prayer/ Discussion Group. Chapter 9
 7PM Zoom Church Budget Meeting

Tuesday, January 25

7PM Zoom Church Council Meeting

