

January 8, 2023 | A Home Bulletin

Epiphany Sunday

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Psalm 105:1-6

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder -Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -How great Thou art! How great Thou art! (2xs)

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, *(chorus)* And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin! *(chorus)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: "My God! How great Thou art!" *(chorus)*

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As With Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed, there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others.

Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not. Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your great goodness through Jesus Christ, our Lord

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christian, why do you need forgiveness and salvation?

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Christian, is The Law able to save you?

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Christian, where shall you turn for forgiveness and salvation?

But now the righteousness of God
has been manifested apart from the law,
although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ
for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Who is this Jesus?

Christ Jesus, was promised by God beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. He was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

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SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 1:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Shared Calling"

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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. Amen

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

HYMN OF SENDING

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: A Shared Calling

Called by God

Called to be God's

Gifted for the call

Called among God's people

Called by Him Who is Faithful