

Full Service Bulletin

PRAISE SERVICE JANUARY 14, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray:

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

CHILDREN

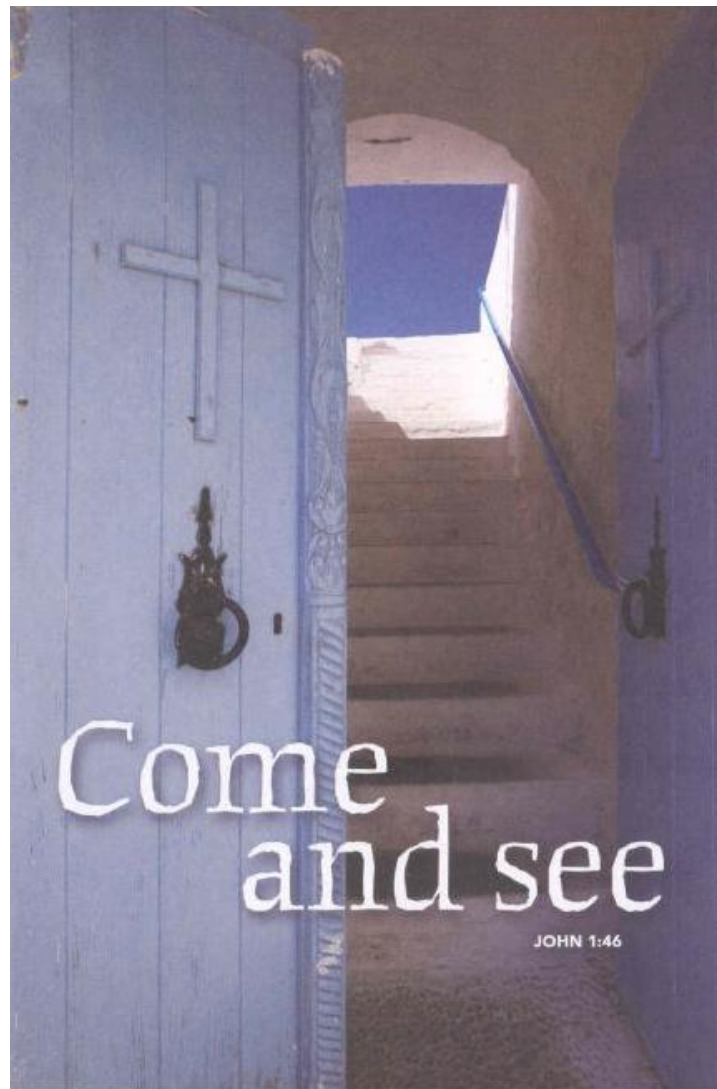
We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel.

The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because He comes from Nazareth. But

where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and...the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says He Himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

GATHERING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me?” (ELW # 798 - favorite - John L. Bell)

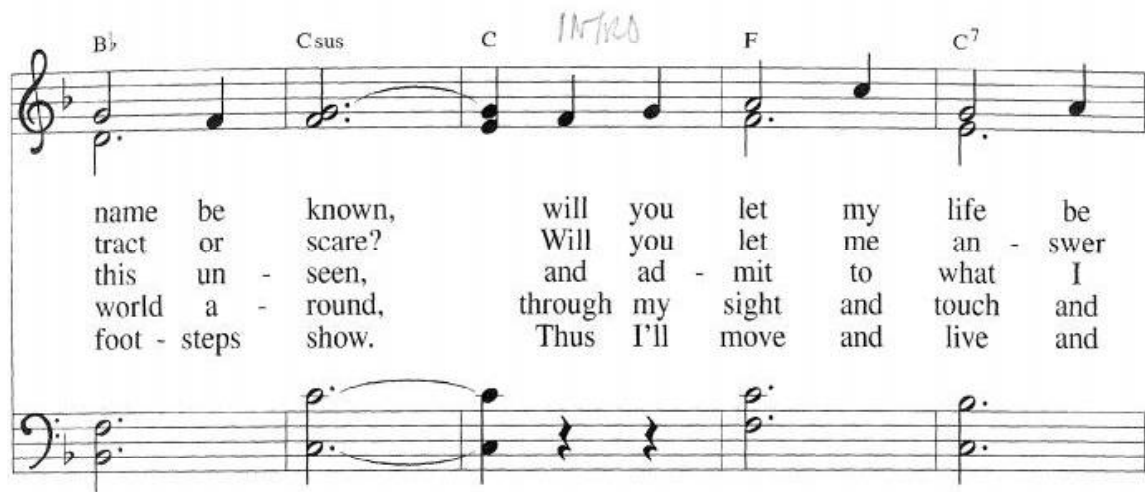
1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

INVOCATION (= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in Jesus Christ, Who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Comforting God, **C: We confess before You and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as You desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as You have commanded. Because of us, all creation suffers. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In Your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in Your promise. AMEN.**

P: God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin, known and unknown, and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God, nothing is impossible.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (SBH # 515 1st tune)

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee,
 3. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 4. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;
 That where Thou art in glo - ry, There shall Thy ser - vant be;
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in:
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol!

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 O give me grace to fol - low My Mas - ter and my friend!
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul!

(segue)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: Lord God, You showed Your glory and led many to faith by the works of Your Son. As He brought gladness and healing to His people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

(congregation reads indented)

O LORD, You have searched me and You know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;

You perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;

You are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue

You know it completely, O LORD.

You hem me in—behind and before;

You have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

too lofty for me to attain.

For You created my inmost being;

You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from You

when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

Your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me were written in Your book

before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with You.

(Please sit.)

PRAISE SONG "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

(ELW # 732 - John C. Ylvisaker)

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger

old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

Fine
see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your
plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es

child, with a faith to suit you well; in a
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise." *D.S. al Fine*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READING1 Samuel 3:1-20.....Pg. 423

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 Corinthians 6:12-20.....Pg. 1777

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Lord, Speak to Me*” *verse 1*

(Maj # 646 - favorite - Text: Frances R. Havergal; Tune: Robert A. Schumann)

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing ech - oes of Thy tone;
O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, Just as Thou wilt and when and where

As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
Un - til Thy bless - ed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glo - ry share. A-men.

The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first two lines of the acclamation, and the second system contains the final two lines, ending with a double bar line and repeat sign.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 1:43-51.....Pg. 1647

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 5*

(Young children go to Children's Church)

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “*Sex and Murder*”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Take My Life and Let It Be*”

(ELW # 685 - favorite - Text: Frances R. Havergal; Tune: William H. Havergal)

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), indicating the key of D major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next four lines.

1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: May the love of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path, that you may be beacons of light for the sake of the whole world. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" (Maj # 578)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

1 It may not be on the moun-tain's height Or o - ver the storm-y sea,
2 Per - haps to-day there are lov-ing words Which Je - sus would have me speak,
3 There's sure-ly some-where a low- ly place In earth's har-vest fields so wide,

1 It may not be at the bat-tle-front My Lord will have need of me;
2 There may be now, in the paths of sin, Some wan-derer whom I should seek;
3 Where I may la - bor thru life's short day For Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied;

1 But if by a still, small voice He calls To paths I do not know,
2 O Sav - ior, if Thou wilt be my Guide, Tho' dark and rug-ged the way,
3 So, trust-ing my all un - to Thy care—I know Thou lov - est me—

1 I'll an-swer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, I'll go where You want me to go.
2 My voice shall ech-o the mes-sage sweet, I'll say what You want me to say.
3 I'll do Thy will with a heart sin-cere, I'll be what You want me to be.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Patty Stein

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: Pastor David

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Marianne Sands

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

LECTOR: 8:30-Jim Femister / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Ruthann Kistler

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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Volunteers Needed, *Sexton* † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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