



**He connects
heaven and earth**



One faith, one hope, one family

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Welcome!

What connects us with the God who lives in heaven? This is a fundamental question. Can our good deeds build a ladder to reach God? Can our prayers rocket a life-line to the heavenly throne?

We have a sure foundation stronger than any rickety ladder built from the good we do. We have the Son of God himself, promising to connect us to his Father, calling us to listen to his Word. So let's gather at his feet and learn the promises he gives us!

We especially welcome our guests. Thanks for letting us share Jesus' love with you this morning! We'll do our best to make you feel welcome and at home with friends. Please come back and learn more about the extraordinary love our God has for all of us!

Our Worship

Our entire worship service is printed out in this worship folder to make it easy to follow. The congregation speaks the parts in bold while the pastor speaks the parts in plain type.

Participate in the worship service as much or as little as you like. More than anything we want you to feel comfortable here so you can take to heart the main message—Jesus gave his life to give us real life.

We enjoy having children in worship because Jesus gave his life for them too. If you feel like they need a break, we do have a quiet nursery with a video feed from our worship. Follow the signs at the set of double doors in the back of the church worship area.

Restrooms

Exit the worship space through the double doors in back and follow the signs to the restrooms.

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We worship our God

Greeting

We take a minute of silence to prepare ourselves for worship.

Speak, O Lord..... Hymn 735



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re - ceive the food of your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - shion us in your like - ness That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your glor - ry.
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Church is built And you fill the earth with your glo - ry.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing Hymn 87



1. Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our hu - man race!
2. Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach your sa - cred throne,



Gen - tiles now, your grace pos - sess - ing, In your courts ob - tain a place.
In your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - o - ciled, re - deemed, made one.



Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore you, In your Church re - jice to live,
Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges, See the star of mer - cy shine,



See your glo - ry and a - dore you, Thank - ful for the grace you give.
Mys - t'ry hid in for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Shine the light of the glory of Jesus into your people through your Word and sacraments so that Christ he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God speaks to us

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

The Lord was calling Samuel to be his prophet. This was just the beginning of Samuel listening to his Lord.

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." NIV

PSALM 67

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

**May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us, *Selah***

**that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

**May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth. *Selah***

**May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

**Then the land will yield its harvest,
and God, our God, will bless us.**

**God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him. NIV**

2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17

These believers also were called to faith through the Gospel.

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
NIV

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV

Al-le - lu - ia! AHe - lu - ia! Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the
mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia! AHe - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Jesus calls men to follow him and listen to his Word.

Our Gospel is John 1:43-51.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." NIV

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us Hymn 753



1. Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us,
 2. We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you, And our
 3. Coun - se - lor, you bring as prom - ised From the
 4. Lord, your change - less Word has fed us, Span - ning
 5. For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low, Drawn by
 6. Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor. Praise the



named us as your own, Through e - ter - nal a - ges
 guilt was crim - son red. Son of God, you came in -
 Fa - ther and the Son Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac -
 time, tran - scend - ing space. Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus -
 Word and prom - ise true: "To all na - tions preach the
 Son, who took our place. Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti -



plan - ning To re - deem us in your Son. Praise the
 car - nate, Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head, Died our
 com - plished, Free for - give - ness, heav - en won. Praise the
 tained us When the dark - ness hid your face. Keep us
 gos - pel; I am ev - er - more with you." Keep us
 fi - er, God of free and faith - ful grace! Al - le -



Fa - ther, God who loved us Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 death, now live tri - um - phant: Praise the first - born from the dead!
 Spir - it! He as - sures us Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 with you, faith - ful Shep - herd, By your sav - ing means of grace!
 faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus, Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

SERMON: JOHN 1:43-51

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Heaven is open



We respond to God's grace

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Prayer

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nations and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor on our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic. Bless our recovery from the current pandemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his wondrous birth became our Brother, taking on human flesh to live in righteousness before God and to become obedient even to death on a cross. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Holy, Holy, Holy

♪ **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.
Hosanna in the highest! How truly blessed is he,
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage— Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

Tune of CW 78 O Light of Gentile Nations

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the
world Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution

Song of Simeon



1. In peace and joy I now de - part As my Lord
 2. Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful
 3. You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal -
 4. Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in



wills it; Se - rene and qui - et is my heart; Now glad - ness
 Sav - ior, Whom you al - lowed my eyes to see By your great
 va - tion; Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons all From ev - 'ry
 blind - ness; He guides and com - forts those in night By his great



fills it. This the Lord has prom - ised me, That
 fa - vor. Now I know he is _____ my life, My
 na - tion By your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In
 kind - ness. He is Is - rael's right - eous - ness, Their



death is but a slum - ber. _____ In peace and joy. —
 friend when I am dy - ing. _____ In peace and joy. —
 ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing. _____ In peace and joy. —
 joy, re - ward, and glo - ry. _____ In peace and joy. —

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until the day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

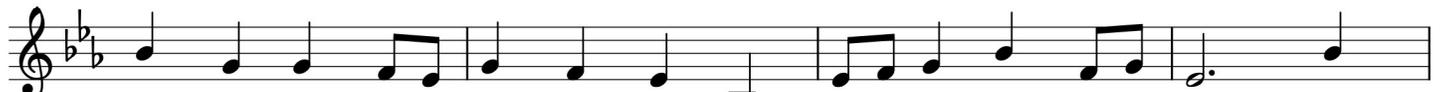
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve Hymn 770



1. O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low you, For -
2. O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3. O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
4. O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: Grant
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed: In -
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God: Send
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long: Though



us to hear your call To risk se - cur - i - ty And,
struct us now, we pray, By your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mi - di - ty, Where
gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - utes still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to you, Find per - fect li - ber - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.



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	<i>Serving this weekend</i>	<i>Serving next weekend</i>
Pastor	Paul Workentine	Paul Workentine
Music	Holly	Holly
Greeters	Jill	Jocelyn
Ushers	John	Derek
Flowers	Cynthia & Dwight	
Cleaning	Josh & Holly	Jill
Snacks	Jan & Jim	Tom & Rachel
Video	Jordan	Jocelyn

Calendar		
Today	10 am	Worship and communion
	11:30 am	Sunday school
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bible study
	7 pm	Bible study
Saturday	2 pm	Building committee
	4 pm	Small group worship
Sunday	10 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday school for all ages



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