

January 15, 2023: 9:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude “Hanover”**

*arr. Raymond H. Hann*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship** (Isaiah 49, The Message)

*Carol Wetzel*

Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

**God has called each of us  
before we were even born.**

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

**The light of God’s love shines in us and through us.**

**Let’s shine God’s love into all the world! Let’s shine God’s light and love.**

**\*Unison Prayer** (Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)

**God of Isaiah,**

**you are our God, too.**

**You spoke to the prophets,  
but your message did not end with them.**

**There is still work to be done,  
and we pray to hear your call afresh.**

**Help us joyfully claim our role  
as your beloved servants,**

**knowing that you provide all that we need  
to do our work.**

**You walked with us before we were even born,  
and you continue to hold us by the hand  
each and every day of our lives.**

**We pray with the confidence of those  
who have been filled with your light.**

**We pray with the assurance of those  
who have been called into fellowship  
with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn PH 477 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”**

*Laurie Leestma-Christie, Cantor*

### **\*Call to Confession**

God has made a covenant with us and with our ancestors: to be a light to the nations, to bring freedom to captives, and to declare new and glorious things! In faith, let us confess our sin.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints,  
but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner;  
you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills  
to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths,  
but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be  
tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important  
things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts and remind  
us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into  
the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.**

### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Words of Assurance (1 Corinthians 1)**

God is faithful and ever-present.

**The God who knew us before our birth**

**loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless.**

Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.  
**Enter into the light! Amen.**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close.*

***We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)***

**\*Hymn PH 581 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson** - Isaiah 49: 1-7 (NIV)

**Gospel Lesson** - John 1: 29-42 (NIV)

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**\*Hymn Grey Book 134 "Spirit Song"**

**Sermon** "The Lamb of God"

*Pastor Mary Council-Austin*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

**Offering** “While I am Here”

*by Brandon Heath*

**Offertory PH 558** “Come, Sing a Song of Harvest” vs. 1&3

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Generous God, you have already given us all that we need.  
Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others  
the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind  
us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call.  
Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the  
opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn PH 434** “Today We Are Called to Be Disciples”

**Charge and Benediction (Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)**

Go in the love of the One who strengthens us  
for the work to which we are called.  
Go in the fellowship of Jesus Christ,  
who claims us as sisters and brothers.  
Go in the community of the Holy Spirit,  
who binds us together with all the saints.  
Go with grace to shine God’s love  
into all the world. **Amen.**

Let all God’s people say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*Closing Refrain PH 535** “Go with Us, Lord”

**Postlude** “Spirit Song”

*arr. John Carter*

Isaiah 49:1-7

New International Version

### **The Servant of the LORD**

**49** Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am<sup>[a]</sup> honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says—

the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—

to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
to the servant of rulers:  
“Kings will see you and stand up,  
princes will see and bow down,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

## Footnotes

- a. Isaiah 49:5 Or *him, / but Israel would not be gathered; / yet I will*

John 1:29-42

New International Version

### John Testifies About Jesus

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”<sup>[a]</sup>

## John's Disciples Follow Jesus

<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter<sup>[b]</sup>).

## Footnotes

- a. John 1:34 See Isaiah 42:1; many manuscripts *is the Son of God*.
- b. John 1:42 *Cephas* (Aramaic) and *Peter* (Greek) both mean *rock*.

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## **This Week at Church**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:00am

#### **01.15**

Worship

Pastor Mary Council-Austin is leading us in worship.

Sanctuary & Zoom

10:15am

Fellowship Time

10:15-11:15am

Growing Connections for All Ages

Adults - Advance Directives or Power of Attorney for Health Care Discussion – Led by Chaplain Darren Beachy.

11:15-12:30pm

PYA

1:00-2:00pm

AA Planning Meeting

2:00pm

MLK Service at St. Paul's Cathedral

4:00-5:00pm

Learning Team (In-person & Zoom)

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scout Budget Meeting (In-person)

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scout Troop Meeting

### **Monday**

#### **01.16**

Church Office is Closed

6:30-7:30pm

Endowment

### **Wednesday**

#### **01.18**

8:00-9:00am

Men's Breakfast

4:30-5:30pm

Hand Bell Practice

6:30-7:30pm

Bingo (Zoom)

### **Thursday**

#### **01.19**

Loving Team (In-person & Zoom)

### **Friday**

#### **01.20**

7:00-9:00pm

Cribbage

### **Saturday**

#### **01.21**

9:00-12:00pm

Table Tennis

### **Sunday**

#### **01.22**

9:00-10:00am

Worship

Executive Presbyter Dave Colby is leading us in worship.

Sanctuary & Zoom

10:15am

Fellowship Time

10:15-11:15am

Growing Connections – Per Capita review and discussion

Dave Colby will be leading the group.

11:15-12:30pm

PYA Planning Meeting

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scouts Troop 702

6:00-7:30pm

Boy Scouts By-laws Meeting (In-person)

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Sunday**

#### **01.29.2023**

Annual Meeting

## **PRAYERS**

Brian C.  
Gary G.  
Pat D.  
Gib D.  
Arnold L.  
Pauline W.  
Jesse F.

Silas W.  
Liam A.  
Jerry and Mary H.  
Chastity G. and Joan S.  
Jolene S. – Sister and her husband  
Lynn K. \*  
Rev. Tubuwa has asked for prayers  
for peace in Sudan. Sudanese were  
attacked and villages were burned  
on Christmas Eve.

\*Lynn is a friend of Laurie C. She is battling 2 different cancers. The treatment for the second cancer would allow the first cancer to become active again so they are not able to treat the second cancer at this time. She is an RN and a grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

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