



*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**Bold print** indicates a congregational response.

**WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Psalm 103: 1-2, 20-22)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—**

*Bless the Lord, O you God's angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding.*

**Bless the Lord, all his hosts, God's ministers that do his will.**

*Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of God's dominion.*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**PRELUDE: #266 VU – "Amazing Grace"**

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*~words by John Henry Newton*

*~Rev. Tanis Kolisnyk*

**1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Scotty McLaren*

#### Hebrew Scripture

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

*The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.*

*When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.*

#### The Psalm

**Psalm 62: 5-12**

*For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us. Selah*

*Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.  
Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.*

*Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all according to their work.*

**RESPONSE:**     *This is the word of God.*

**Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel**

**Mark 1: 14-20**

*~Rev. Don Johnson*

*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'*

*As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.*

**GOSPEL RESPONSE:**     *The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:**     *"Believe in the Good News"*

*~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(The Methodist Church, England)*

**We believe in God the Father, who made the world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, who redeemed humankind.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.**

**PRAYERS & 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,  
the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE DOXOLOGY

*(based on Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**Glory to God whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*May God go before you to lead you. May God go behind you to guard you.  
May God go beneath you to support you. May God go beside you to befriend you.  
Do not be afraid. Let the blessing of God the Holy Trinity  
come upon you today and settle in around you. Do not be afraid.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.*

## POSTLUDE: #567 VU – **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** ~words by *The Iona Community* *(Words reproduced & music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License) ~Rev. Tanis Kolisnyk*

- 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**
- 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**