



A Service for The Lord's Day

The Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 21, 2024
Half Past Ten o'clock in the Morning

We Gather to Worship

WESTMINSTER STRIKE

As the hour is pealed, we join those who worship with us online.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

MY SOUL THIRSTS

In silence my soul thirsts for God; for God alone I wait. My enemies may chase me down; love shields me from their hate. God is my rock; God is my strength; God is my salvation, my refuge, my abiding peace. I shall not be shaken. – Sheldon W. Sorge, Tammy Wiens

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Corey Estes

Let us read responsively.

Church, in times of joy and in times of trouble, on whom do we set our hearts?

For God alone our spirit waits.

God along is our rock and our salvation.

When we feel lost and scared, who can bring us comfort?

God is our refuge, our stronghold, and our true light.

Therefore, with gratitude and with prayer,

we turn to you O God, with praise and worship!

† ENTRANCE HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray collectively.

Holy One,

**we come to you this morning recognizing that even though we know better,
we often lean on our own understanding
and live our life guided by our own wisdom and opinions.**

**Then, we find ourselves blaming ourselves and one another
when things do not work out the way we hoped and planned.**

**Sometimes, we even blame you and choose to dig our heels in deeper,
closing ourselves to the grace and mercy you have for us.**

Forgive our mistrust, rebelliousness, and pride.

Heal our wounds, and help us to turn to your loving embrace.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Scripture tells us that god doesn't judge us according to our sins and shortcomings,
but that through God's steadfast love and grace,

we are constantly restored, renewed, and empowered to start with a clean slate.

Sisters and Brothers, through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI 581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange visible signs of peace with those worshiping near you.

LIFE TOGETHER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word Proclaimed

PSALTER – Psalm 62:5-12

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PREPARATION HYMN 22

Please remain seated.

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

PROPHECY – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

A Wake Up Call

Rev. Miguel Santamaria

Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor, Morton Plant Hospital

† AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Iona Community

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.
Amen.**

We Respond to What We Have Heard

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

*In the Gospel of Mark we learned when Jesus saw Sino and Andrew casting their nets into the sea,
he said to them: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people,
and immediately they left their nets and followed him."
As we remember the direction God wants us to take as individuals and as a community,
let us now bring our tithes and offerings.*

OFFERTORY

Built on the Rock

Gordon Young

Built on the rock the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling. Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of men distressed, longing for life everlasting. We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation; He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, granting us life and salvation; were two or three to seek His face, He in their midst would show His grace, blessings upon them bestowing. Here stands the Font before our eyes telling how God did receive us; the Table recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His mercy doth give us; here sounds the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same; yes evermore our Redeemer. – Nicolai Grundtvig

† DOXOLOGY 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, we bring our attention, our gifts, our resources, our talents, and our passions in response to your call to follow. Use us and all we bring forth for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

We Go Forth to Share His Peace

† DISCIPLESHIP HYMN 442 *Just As I Am, without One Plea* WOODWORTH

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE *In Silence My Soul Thirsts* MY SOUL THIRSTS

In quietness my Lord conferred two truths I now declare: no greater love than God's is known; no power can compare. God is my rock; God is my strength; God is my salvation, my refuge, my abiding peace. I shall not be shaken. – Sheldon W. Sorge, Tammy Wiens

VOLUNTARY *Finale Jubilante* Healey Willan

You may depart quietly or remain seated to reflect on what we have seen and heard.

† The people will please stand as they are able in body or spirit.

Assisting in the leadership of worship with Rev. Miguel Santamaria, guest preacher are:

*Corey Estes, Liturgist; members of the Chancel Choir;
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries and Organist.*

*The Chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God by Colleen & David Mounsey
in celebration of their twenty-third wedding anniversary..*

An informal gathering immediately follows in Roebling Hall.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

The **Youth Ministry**, for all mid-high and senior-high youth, will meet Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 - 9 p.m. for games, fellowship, and Bible study.

The **Good Grief Group** will meet Thursday, 25, 10 a.m. Please contact Mary Williams, facilitator to connect [online](#).

The **Chancel Choir** will rehearse Thursday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Gallery.

Jan Francis welcomes **knitters** of all skill levels Sunday, January 28 in the Parlor immediately following morning worship, and the informal gathering in Roebling Hall.

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