

The Worship of God

3rd Sunday after Epiphany – January 23, 2021 – 10:30 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church in Zoom!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens.

Let God's knowledge rise in us.

Let God's glory shine all around us.

OPENING PRAYER

Sculptor of the heavens and the earth, creator of the sea and sky,

we praise your holy name because you created us in love

and ordered our lives that we might live with peace, joy,

mutuality, unity, and abundance.

Help us see the goodness that is all around us

in the beauty of your creation

and the framework of your commands.

Help us hear your word this day.

Let it shape us and make us new once more.

SING

"Gather Us In"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Troy: We like to think ourselves open to new ways and new ideas.

Margie: We tried that once and it didn't work!

Troy: We claim to be welcoming and hospitable.

David: Who invited that person?

Troy: And we truly desire help from new members.

Palmatiers: We have always done it this way.

(Pause for reflection.)

Hear our prayers of confession.

In our humanity,

we sometimes become set in our ways.

In our fear,

we can be reluctant to break out of familiar routines.

In our complacency,

we are not always willing to try new things.

God, for all the times when we have cut off the dreams, hopes,

or imaginings of your reign, we are truly sorry.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Indeed, the Spirit of God is upon you.

Therefore, the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart
are acceptable to God, your rock-solid companion and the liberator of your soul.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

#20

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings flow"

#609

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Great Dreamer: inspire us in your ways,
that in our imaginings, hopes, and prayers,
we become the fulfillment of all that is possible in our world,
our neighborhood, this place, and in each of us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT WINDOW

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

#792

SENDING FORTH

We have heard God's words and trust that the Spirit is upon us.
May we be inspired to be a living fulfillment of all that is possible with God.
Amen.

POSTLUDE