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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21, 2024

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Two Chorale Preludes

What God ordains is good indeed, for all life well providing.
The will of God is best for me, the ground of my confiding.
My faithful God, on every road you know the way unfolding,
and my hand you are holding.

- Samuel Rodigast, 1675

I trust, O Lord, your holy name.

O let me not be put to shame nor let me be confounded.

My faith, O Lord, be in your Word forever firmly grounded.

- Adam Reusner, 1533

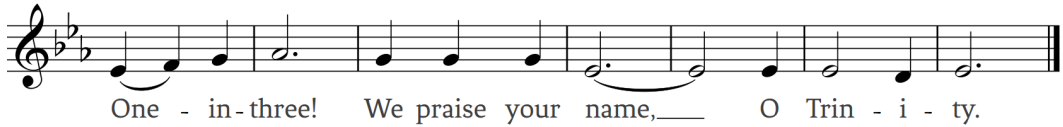
WELCOME

SILENT REFLECTION

SONG OF PRAISE | STANDING

Praise the Creator

Praise the Cre - a - tor, who reigns a - bove; Praise Je - sus
Christ, the Lord of love; Praise to the Spir - it,



CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

from Psalm 62

Our souls wait in silence -
our hope rests in God,
our rock,
our salvation,
our refuge.
We will not be shaken.

In this time of worship,
we trust in God's steadfast faithfulness and love.

HYMN 39 | STANDING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all,
forgive us...
when we are slow
to see you at work in other cultures and communities;
when we limit your mercy
to only those we think are worth it;
when we misuse your message
to exclude others or put them down;
when we are reluctant to go beyond our comfort zones
to share your gospel of love.
Forgive us,
restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and renew within us an upright spirit.

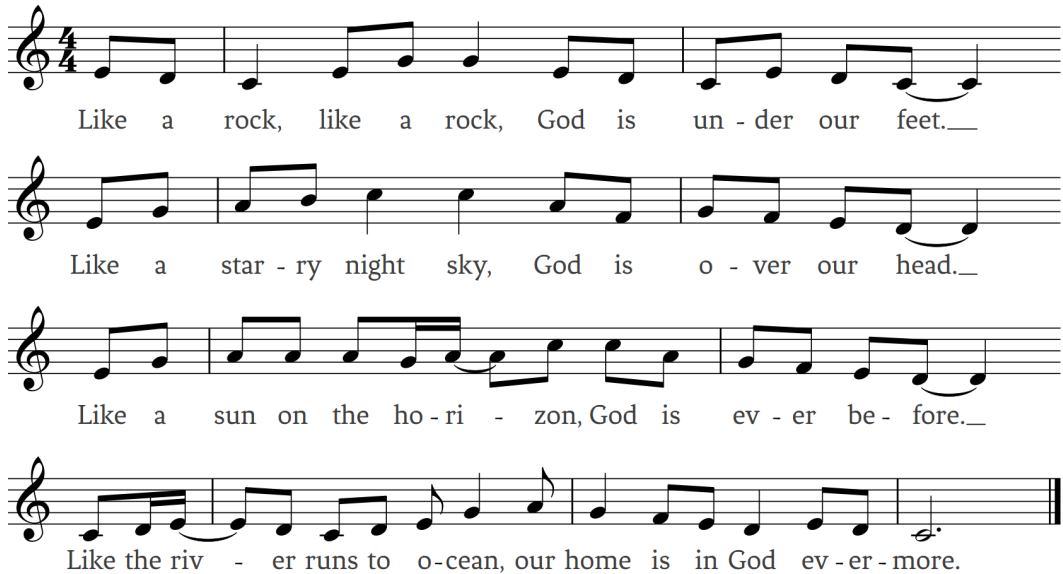
Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Like a Rock



Like a rock, like a rock, God is un - der our feet.____

Like a star - ry night sky, God is o - ver our head.____

Like a sun on the ho - ri - zon, God is ev - er be - fore.____

Like the riv - er runs to o - cean, our home is in God ev - er - more.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord

Soloists:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

The congregation answers each verse singing the refrain.



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Soloists:

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? (*refrain*)

Soloists:

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*refrain*)

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School (K-6) following the scripture readings.

SERMON

“Doing Something for Someone”
Rev. Paul Gilmore

The congregations remains seated as the ensemble sings...

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?

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?

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?

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?

The congregation stands to sing the final verse...



5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD | STANDING

Jesus says "Follow me."

Here I am, Lord.

Leave what you know,
leave everything behind,
and just follow.

Here I am, Lord.

Learn a new way of living,
a new way of being,
and just follow.

Here I am, Lord.

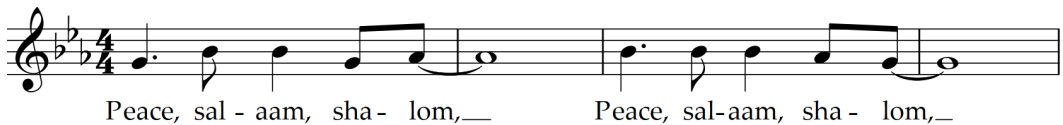
Put down your net,
put down your fear,
and just follow.

Here I am, Lord.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



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;
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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Meditation on *This Is My Father's World*

DOXOLOGY | STANDING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people
here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise Tri-une God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God,

we thank you for a faith that is
more of an adventure than a declaration,
more of a journey than an arrival,
more of a question than an answer.

We thank you for a faith that is

open to renewal,

willing to journey,

and daring to trust that you will be with us,

Use the gifts we now bring

to proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

Amen.

SENDING

HYMN | STANDING

Lord, When You Came to the Seashore
(on next page)

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

POSTLUDE



1. Lord, _____ when you came to the sea - shore _____
2. Lord, _____ you knew what my boat car - ried: _____
3. Lord, _____ have you need of my la - bor, _____
4. Lord, _____ send me where you would have me, _____



you weren't seek - ing _____ the wise or the wealth - y, _____
nei - ther mon - ey _____ nor weap - ons for fight - ing, _____
hands for ser - vice, _____ a heart made for lov - ing; _____
to a vil - lage, _____ or heart of the cit - y; _____



but on - ly ask - ing _____ that I might fol - low, _____
but nets for fish - ing, _____ my dai - ly la - bor, _____
my arms for lift - ing _____ the poor and bro - ken? _____
I will re - mem - ber _____ that you are with me. _____



O Lord, _____ in my eyes you were gaz - ing, _____



kind - ly smil - ing, _____ my name you were say - ing; _____



All I treas - ured, _____ I have left on the sand there; _____



close to you, _____ I will find oth - er seas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org. Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email.



OFFERING

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the collection box.
- Give online at winnpres.org/give-online.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to the Saturday Bible study in Conference Room A. Our guide for the next nine weeks is *Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*.

PANCAKES FOR MARDI GRAS: FEB 11

Celebrate Mardi Gras with pancakes served by the Senior High Youth of WPC! The pancake breakfast will be immediately following worship on February 11. All proceeds will go to support the youth summer mission trip.

DRIVE-THROUGH ASHES: FEB 14

Lent begins early this year. Ashes will be distributed in the roundabout outside the church office between 8-9am and 12-1pm on February 14. Drive through anytime to begin your Lenten journey!

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy
Greeters: Nancy Holly
Lectors: Barbara Scott, Sherri Lewis
Prayer Leader: Barbara Scott
Musicians: Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,
Shannon McMullen, Kyra Kornfeld

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COVER ART

The Call is by Argentine artist Jorge Cocco Santángelo. He depicts events from the life of Christ using a style he calls "sacrocubism."

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