

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 23, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19:1, 14

The heavens declare the wonders of God,
and the skies tell of all that God has done.

**We sing out in praise and thanksgiving
as God's power is proclaimed throughout the cosmos.**

May the words of our songs,
and the meditations of our hearts,
be pleasing to God, our rock and redeemer.

CHORAL HYMN

My Grateful Spirit Sings

In all thy works I see thy glory,
in mighty wonders; in small and simple things;
my heart rejoices in the bounty set before me,
and my grateful spirit sings.

Each rising sun tells of thy goodness.
The rain proclaims thee in the life it brings.
All creation bears the sure and silent witness;
and my grateful spirit sings

The stars that crown the realms of space
reflect the image of thy grace.
The rolling seas, the earth and sky
declare thy power, thy majesty and might.

I see thy hand in all compassion;
thou art the font of kindness whence it springs.
Thy boundless charity has wrought my soul's salvation;
and my grateful spirit sings

For changeless love and endless mercy,
for countless blessings beyond the wealth of kings,
for every perfect gift you send, O Lord, I praise thee,
and my grateful spirit sings

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we often forget to rejoice in the gift of each new day.
We close our ears to the voices of rivers and streams
We close our eyes to the needs of our neighbors.
We close our hearts to your proclamations of hope and freedom.
Forgive us when we keep your good gifts
closed tightly in our own hands.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHORAL PSALM

Psalm 119: How Sweet Are Your Words, O Lord

How sweet are your words, O Lord; sweeter than honey to my taste.
Through your precepts I gain understanding;
you are my shield and my hiding place;
your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.
Your testimonies are wonderful;
with open mouth I rejoice, because I long for your commandments.

LISTENING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Gilmore

RESPONDING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Make Me An Instrument

Make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

-Francis of Assisi

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Peace, salaam, shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

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.

SENDING

CHORAL CHARGE

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

The Church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.

Where charity and love are found, there can the Church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.

True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.

True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE