

January 23, 2022 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 154 - "Go Tell It On The Mountain" is a celebration of not only Jesus's birth but also the promise from God that he brings.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist 1: Let the ears of all people be attentive; the heavens are telling the glory of God.

Liturgist 2 & Congregation: Everything around us proclaims god's handiwork. Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Liturgist 1: Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church.

Liturgist 2 & Congregation: As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

Liturgist 1: Hear once again the laws and commandments. Find them sure and right and true for all.

Liturgist 2 & Congregation: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness. We seek true community in which all are honored.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 177 - "God of Change and Glory" recognizes and celebrates diversity as a gift from God. It is inspired by the reading from I Corinthians and the refrain says "In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Word, one Spirit, one God known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!"

Confession of Sin (Liturgist & Congregation)

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken – our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Hymn of Praise (Recorded) "I Am The Light of the World" was written by Jim Strathdee in 1969, Performed by the Musicians of Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, British Columbia.

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory - NCH 803 - Today's offertory is a fantasy on an Agnus Dei from the New Century Hymnal.

Doxology

Gospel Lesson – Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Closing Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 164 - "Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today" is the closing line of "Arise, Your Light Is Come." Written by Ruth Duck, it was inspired by today's gospel.

Benediction

Postlude