

OPENING SENTENCES

One: God created the heavens and the earth (Psalm 19:1)

All: We praise the One who forms all things.

WELCOME

PRELUDE | Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to build our lives— restoring broken places and growing in faith.

All: We open our hearts to study the Word and trust God's guidance.

One: God calls us to build community— bridging understanding and promoting justice.

All: We commit ourselves to sharing God's love for all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN #409 | God is Here

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you;

through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

World without end, without end. Amen.

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SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go upstairs to the nursery or Agape Kidz, for music and crafts.

All children are welcome to remain in the worship service too. We really do like having them around.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | Don Cunningham

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 436)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 4:14-21 (Pew Bible, New Testament p. 61)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Rev. Tara N. Reck

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)

We believe in one true and living God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for

ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and in God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

+ HYMN #772 | Live Into Hope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Suraj Alexander

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(EACM's needs: crackers, ramen noodles, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti & sauce, pancake mix & syrup, laundry detergent & pull up diapers size 4-5T)

OFFERTORY | Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

*Christ hath a garden walled around, A paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace From out the world's wilderness.*

+ DOXOLOGY #300

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

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.

+ HYMN #318 | In Christ There Is No East or West

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHARGE & BLESSING

Liturgy adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1, 2012 Westminster John Knox Press

Our Concerns: Rich Revell, Dee Hoge, Connie and Tom Kneppshield, Jaymme Pedersen (friend of Mary Witherspoon), Tracy Gonzales, Lucy Martin

(Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.)

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