

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019 | 11:00

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

INTROIT: DAY BY DAY

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: THE OLD FIREHOUSE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness

**All: that we may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God.

+HYMN 681: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HATH MADE

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us make our own silent confession before the Lord.

~ *silence* ~

One: Creator God, you brought light into our world, made the living waters flow, enabled the crops to grow, fattened the calf for us to eat, and gave us endless opportunities to be of service in your Kingdom.

**All: Hear us, O Lord, as we seek your forgiveness,
your mercy, your grace.**

**We admit our willfulness, rebelliousness,
defiance and disobedience of your ways.**

**We admit to being disrespectful, deceitful, insolent,
and thinking we knew better than you.**

One: Forgive us, Creator God. Mold and reshape us,
bring life and light into our hearts,
and allow us an opportunity to start over again,
in the name of Christ our Lord.

**All: Creator God, for all that blossoms in us,
by the nurturing of your Spirit, and the
wisdom of your Word, we bless and praise you.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God.
In our confession, we are promised God's mercy,
and are assured that God's grace
will follow us all the days of our lives.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and
granted his peace. Thanks be to God.**

One: You are invited to greet one another in peace.

+SUNG RESPONSE: COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

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**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

SUNG RESPONSE: THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of Your Kingdom.**

The musical notation consists of two systems of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system is for the lyrics: "The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit." The second system is for the lyrics: "Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your - king - dom. The". The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

MESSAGE

"Fruits of the Kingdom"

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 36: FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**All Sing: We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are men, women, we are children, and Lord,
we are praying.
So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.
Let justice roll like waters.
Let the days begin, when new life enters in,
and let your Kingdom come.**

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.

OFFERING: *All Good Things* from “*Godspell*” arr. Walker

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN 157: I DANCED IN THE MORNING

+SENDING

+CHORAL RESPONSE: A CLARE BENEDICTION

John Rutter

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

FLOWERS are given by **Raechel and Mark Sowa** in celebration of Alexandra's 21st birthday.