



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 15, 2023

ENTRY OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"God So Loved"

**Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty
Come to the well, That never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more**

**Well, come all you sinners, Come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for**

**For God so loved, The world that He gave us
His one and only, Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him, Will live forever**

**Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down, At the foot of the cross**

**Jesus is waiting there, With open arms
See His open arms**

**For God so loved, The world that He gave us
His one and only, Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever**

**The power of hell, Forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world**

**Praise God, Praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, Praise Him
For the wonders of His love (praise God)**

**Praise God, Praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, Praise Him
For the wonders of His love
His amazing love**

**For God so loved
The world that He gave us
His one and only
Son to save**

**For God so loved
The world that He gave us
His one and only
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Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever**

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 40:1-3* *Sherrill McCullough*

One: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

All: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

One: He put a new song in my mouth,

All: a song of praise to our God.

One: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** *“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”* #23

**God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.**

**We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.**

**You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.**

**We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.**

**When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.**

**Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.**

**God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

KYRIE ELEISON

#437

Cantor: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

All: You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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Living God, by the power of your Holy Spirit in, and around us, open our ears to the truth of your Word. As Scripture is read, may we clearly see the light of Jesus Christ among us. In his glorious name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 40:1-11* *Sherrill McCullough*

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us"

#720

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;**

**day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his

brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “...four o’clock in the afternoon.” *Rev. Dr. Bill Pederson*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: *Claire Thomas, Rosemary Dawsey, June Spellman, Rae Schmuck, Rena Clifton, Rick Mann*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Do you believe in God, the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in God, the Son?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME

Elder: Having been admitted to active membership, the saints of San Gabriel Presbyterian Church bid you welcome.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray:

All: We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

**“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?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

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