



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 17, 2021

Third Sunday in Epiphany

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP- based on Isaiah 60

Liturgist: Michael Babcock

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together.

**People: The sun shall no longer be our light by day,  
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

Leader: for the Lord will be our light,  
and our God will be our glory.

**People: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.**

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

#### \*HYMN #72

*To God Be the Glory*

*1 To God be the glory,  
great things he hath done:  
so loved he the world  
that he gave us his son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*2 O, perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
[Refrain]*

*Refrain:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done.*

*3 Great things he hath taught us,  
great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son,  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport,  
when Jesus we see. [Refrain]*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN #534

*Draw Me Nearer*

*1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee.*

*Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain]

3. O, the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,

When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God  
I commune as friend with friend! [Refrain]

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee. [Refrain]

## GUIDED PRAYER

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Westminster Larger Catechism- Q. 120

Leader: What reasons are added to the fourth commandment, to keep the Sabbath, emphasizing the importance of obeying it?

**People:** The reasons added to the fourth commandment to emphasize its importance are first of all implied by its inherent fairness; God allows us six days out of every seven for our own affairs and reserves only one for himself, in these words: Six days shall you labor and do all your work. God also insists that this day belongs to him, The seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. And there is the example of God himself, who in six days made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested on the seventh day. Finally God put a blessing on that day, not just by making it a holy day for serving him but also by establishing that our keeping the Sabbath holy will be a blessing to us as well. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

Karey Garrison

## ANTHEM

Sing the Song of Praise

Eugene Butler

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

## WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

\*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SCRIPTURE:

Mark 2: 23- 28

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

***People: Thanks be to God***

**SERMON:**

***"Resetting the Sabbath"***

**Reset: Back to the Basics of Following Jesus**

*"The Sabbath was made for man,  
not man for the Sabbath." — Mark 2:27*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #558**

*Love Divine*

*1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.*

*3 Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.*

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.*

*Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*

*2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.*

*4 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.*

*Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**