

EVERYONE SERVES  
THE GOOD WINE FIRST...



BUT YOU HAVE KEPT  
THE GOOD WINE UNTIL NOW

**JOHN 2:10**

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *God of Grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Bish

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

**ALL:** *but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.*

One: And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**ALL:** *Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,*

One: that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under earth,

**ALL:** *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Let us worship our Redeemer!*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE: 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Gracious and Eternal God, even as we acknowledge the fact that your holy presence surrounds us, we admit that in many ways we are very far from you.

**ALL:** *In your mercy draw us closer, O God, and open us to your will and your way.*

One: Even as we reach out to you in this time of prayer, we are reminded of the many times we have drawn back and turned away from you.

**ALL:** *Forgive our hesitation and deliver us from the fear which keeps us from commitment.*

One: Though it is in you that we live and move and have our being, we tend to focus on ourselves, and our own needs and desires. *(continued)*

**ALL:** *Direct our minds and our hearts we pray, that we might live in the light of your abundant mercy and love. Grant that we might respond to the love you give us by loving one another and our neighbors. Transform our sinfulness into faithfulness and make us your new creations as we seek to do your will. Through Christ our Savior we pray, Amen.*

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**One:** The Book of First Peter reminds us that “once we were no people but now we are God’s People!”

**ALL:** *The transforming power of God is at work in us! As surely as we have honestly confessed our sins, God has heard us and forgiven us, for we belong to God! Thanks be to our Creator and Redeemer! Alleluia! Amen!*

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 441**

*Hear the Good News of Salvation (verse 2)*

NETTLETON

*All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing;  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

## **THE WORD**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION: 2022 PLEDGE STATUS**

*Elder Robert Reeves*

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

### **\*HYMN: 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

TRENTHAM

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 62:1-5 (pg. 692)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*John 2:1-11 (pg. 93)*

*Rev. John White*

**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

### **SERMON**

*From Forsaken to Delight*

*Rev. John White*

## RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional), p. 14*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,  
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

*Hymn Prelude on ST. MARGARET*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Rev. Courtney Bowen  
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\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**\*HYMN: 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

## SENDING

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude, and ask that you use  
the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

**POSTLUDE**

*Chorale Prelude on IN DIR IST FREUDE*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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