SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

**11:00 a.m. THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 23, 2022**

*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped,*

*and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.” Psalm 28:7*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** Canon in D Johann Pachelbel

McKay Bennett, pianist

**INTROIT** Here in This Place Tune: GATHER US IN

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN** No. 634 *Tune:* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Hear our prayers, O Lord, though we know not how to pray. What words can tell you of our sins save words that seek to hide from you even now? What deeds shall we remember with sufficient shame to warrant your forgiveness? Most merciful God, you alone know how we are captive to sin: wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us and redeem us from our bondage, that we might find in your service our perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PETITION** No. 792

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**  No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN**

**SOLO** How Can I Keep from Singing? Andy Beck

Laura Taylor

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

By your Word, O God of grace, find us as we are lost, free us as we are bound, help us as we are weak, wound us as we are proud, require of us our very souls and send us into the world as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Nehemiah 8:1-10 Page 436

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 4:14-21 Page 61

**SERMON** “It’s Still Good News” Dr. Williams

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN** No. 772 *Tune:* TRURO

Live into Hope

**THE PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

**\*HYMN** No. 307 *Tune:* CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

###### **\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 318

###### In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,

###### but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*POSTLUDE** Toccata in E minorJohann Pachelbel

**\***Congregation please stand.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord’s Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Jane and Paul Pressly to the glory of God and in honor of his brother, Bill Pressly.

**ROSE** on the Baptismal Font celebrates the birth of Lia Hadley Toftness, daughter of Katherine and James Toftness on January 15.

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| JANUARY TERM  “Where Have You Seen God at Work?”  9:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall  Jan. 9    Deanie Strength and Dan Walters  Jan. 16 Marilyn Borst and Michael Johnson  Jan. 23 Jordan Chase and Gay Mayfield  Jan. 30 Josh Brooks and Sharon Eswine  A series for adults sharing faith, art, literature, Scripture, mission and life stories.   Attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. A breakfast will conclude the series on January 30 at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.  This is offered in place of our regular adult Sunday School classes. |