

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*During this week, many Christian denominations will focus on Christian unity.*

*We are indeed "one in the Lord." With loving hearts,*

*let us reach out in a gesture of friendship to one another. Welcome to all!*

## *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 21, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Touch us, Lord, that we may all be completely engaged  
in the service of worship.*

#### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #526 - "Victory in Jesus"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

**WHERE IS THE ONE WHOSE LOVE WE ACCEPT? WHO IS THE ONE WHOM WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP? GOD, WHOSE DOMINION IS OVER ALL CREATION, IS WITH US. WE WORSHIP GOD, WHO ACTS IN HUMAN HISTORY AND LIVES IN OUR HEARTS. WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF GOD'S PRESENCE? WE SEE HIM IN THE TRUTH WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING. GOD IS REVEALED IN THE COMMONPLACE, EVEN IN A CHILD. WHEN WE SHARE OUR GIFTS OF LOVE, GOD IS MADE KNOWN. WHY DO WE GATHER TO WORSHIP? HOW WILL OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE MAKE A DIFFERENCE? THE GRACE OF GOD HAS COME TO US ONCE MORE. WE WILL LET GOD CHANGE US IN OUR DAILY ROUTINES AS HE FILLS OUR LIVES WITH LIGHT AND LOVE. AMEN**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

GOD, OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION, FORGIVE OUR LACK OF FAITHFULNESS. HEAL THE BROKENNESS THAT SEPARATES US ONE FROM ANOTHER AND FROM OUR OWN BEST SELVES. RESCUE US FROM FEARS THAT IMMOBILIZE AND DISTORT. TURN US FROM QUARRELS THAT HURT AND DESTROY. GRANT US NEW DEPTHS OF CARING AND LOVING, AND FULLER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ONE WHO HEALS AND SENDS US OUT TO TELL OUR JOY. AMEN.

### Announcements

\* *Hymn of Preparation #524 - "At Calvary"*

*Epiphany Theme: "Jesus Is the Light of the World!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 62:5-12 (vv.5-7,8-10,11-12)*

*Mark 1:14-20 (vv.14-16,17-18,20)*

*Sermon: "Jesus is the Light of the World: That Leads Us to Repentance and Redemption!"*

### Lord's Prayer

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #451 - "I Surrender All"*

\* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You"* (congregation)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\* *Benediction (Pastor)*

\* Please stand if able

## Church of the Master Ministries

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> virtual meeting
		The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Skip Adams \* Deanna \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Terry Mahon \* Leon Stinson \* Aunt Betty \* Diante \* Stephanie Leeder \* Virginia & Joe Smith \* John Almodovar \* Ellen McCullough \* Peter Koys \* Ethan \* Carole Mahon \* Olga Caldera \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart \* LouEllen Crowley \* People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Jay & family \* Delgado family \* Wintress \* Domina \* Denise Waldron \* Byrd family \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* Ed Reidy & family \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick \* Alex Ingram \* Terry Mahon

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* Our President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

John Kooi \* Paul \* Teresa

**PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:**

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

There will be a Consistory meeting today following the worship service.

### **CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.*

# 526 — Victory in Jesus

EUGENE M. BARTLETT

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1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,  
 2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,  
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,

How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;  
 How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;  
 And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea,

I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,  
 And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"  
 A - bout the an - gels sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry—

Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.  
 And some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.  
 And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

## CHORUS

O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er! He sought me and

bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my

love is due Him— He plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
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 Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# At Calvary — 524

WILLIAM R. NEWELL

DANIEL B. TOWNER

1. Years I spent in van - i - ty and pride, Car - ing not my Lord was  
2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned— Then I trem-bled at the  
3. Now I've giv'n to Je - sus ev - 'ry - thing, Now I glad - ly own Him  
4. O the love that drew sal - va - tion's plan! O the grace that bro't it

cru - ci - fied, Know-ing not it was for me He died On Cal - va - ry.  
law I'd spurned, Till my guilt - y soul im - plor-ing turned To Cal - va - ry.  
as my King, Now my rap-tured soul can on - ly sing Of Cal - va - ry  
down to man! O the might - y gulf that God did span At Cal - va - ry.

CHORUS

Mer - cy there was great and grace was free, Par - don there was mul - ti -

plied to me, There my bur-dened soul found lib-er-ty—At Cal - va - ry.

WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

**Psalm 62:5-12 (vv.5-7,8-10,11-12)**  
**Mark 1:14-20 (vv.14-16,17-18,20)**

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

<sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

<sup>7</sup> On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

<sup>10</sup> Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on  
them.

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,

<sup>12</sup> and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all according to their work.

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<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; <sup>[c]</sup> repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

# I Surrender All — 451

JUDSON W. VAN de VENTER

WINFIELD S. WEEDEN

1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;  
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Hum-bly at His feet I bow;  
3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;  
4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;

I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
World - y pleas - ures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it— Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.  
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ings fall on me.

CHORUS

I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,  
I sur - ren - der, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der, I sur - ren - der all,

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

COMMITMENT