

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*What a friend we have in Jesus! Christ has befriended us.  
Let us befriend one another by extending our hands in Christian fellowship.  
Welcome to all.*

## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 28, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Lord, may your life-changing presence fill us today  
with the power we need to properly serve you.*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #63 - "Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*Come and follow Jesus*

**WE WOULD FOLLOW, BUT WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING.**

*Come and follow Jesus. He will lead you where we are going.*

**WE WOULD FOLLOW, BUT WE HAVE THINGS TO DO FIRST.**

*Come and follow Jesus. The commonwealth of God is your only task.*

**WE WOULD FOLLOW, BUT WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR THINGS?**

*Come and follow Jesus. The gift of God is abundant life, joyful and eternal.*

**WE WILL FOLLOW JESUS. 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)

WE CONFESS TO YOU, O LOVING CREATOR GOD, THAT WE AVE NOT LIVED IN THE TRUTH THAT JESUS TOLD US. WE HAVE NOT CHOSEN YOUR REIGN BEFORE OUR SELFISH CONCERNS. WE HAVE NOT BECOME SERVANTS OF OTHERS. WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT TO LOSE OUR LIVES IN YOU BUT RATHER WE HAVE CLUNG TO THE TRAPPING OF MORTAL EXISTENCE. WE HAVE CALLED JESUS OUR LORD, BUT WE HAVE PLACED ALL MANNER OF PEOPLE AND THINGS AHEAD OF OUR SERVICE TO HIS REIGN OF LOVE AND JUSTICE. FORGIVE US, AND BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND POWER THAT WE WILL RESIST THE CALL OF EARTHLY THINGS AND SEEK INSTEAD THAT WHICH IS ETERNAL. AMEN.

### Announcements

\* *Hymn of Preparation #319 - "Blessed Assurance"*

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

*Scripture: Psalm 111:1-10 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-10)*

*Mark 1:21-28 (vv.21-23,24-26,27-28)*

*Sermon: "Jesus is the Light of the World: That is Worthy of Praise and Reflects His Great Works!"*

### Lord's Prayer

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #324 - "Tis So Sweet to Trust n Jesus"*

\* *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 Kempf \* 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 \* Diane \* 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:

Dorothy \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Jay & family \* Delgado family \* Win-tress \* 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 \* Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

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

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*

### 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.*

# 63 — Praise Him! Praise Him!

FANNY J. CROSBY

CHESTER G. ALLEN

1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O  
 2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! For our  
 3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem - er! Heav'n-ly

earth—His won-der-ful love pro-claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-  
 sins He suf-fered and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e-  
 por - tals loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for

an - gels in glo - ry, Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name!  
 ter - nal sal - va - tion, Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.  
 ev - er and ev - er, Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd Je - sus will guard His chil - dren— In His arms He  
 Sound His prais - es— Je - sus who bore our sor - rows— Love un - bound-ed,  
 Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious— Pow'r and glo - ry

REFRAIN  
 car - ries them all day long:  
 won-der-ful, deep and strong: Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His  
 un - to the Lord be - long:

ex - cel - lent great - ness! Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

# 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.**

# Blessed Assurance — 319

FANNY J. CROSBY

PHOEBE P. KNAPP

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of rap - ture now  
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion—all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove  
hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

CHORUS  
Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.  
Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,  
Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my

sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

**Psalm 111: 1-10 (vv. 1-3, 4-6 and 7-10)**  
**Mark 1: 21-28 (vv. 21-23, 24-26 and 27-28)**

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it<sup>[a]</sup> have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,

<sup>24</sup> and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

<sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He<sup>[a]</sup> commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

# 324 — 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

LOUISA M. R. STEAD

WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans-ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."  
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!  
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.  
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.



## CHORUS



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to - trust Him more!



Tune: TRUST IN JESUS  
ASSURANCE AND TRUST