

**January 17, 2021**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

Jesus Christ, light of Epiphany with you

**And also with you.**

**thanksgiving for baptism –** *You may like have a bowl of water available to remember your baptism*

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**Jesus emerges from the water.**

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."**

Jesus is named. Claimed.

Come to the water, remember that you too have been

Named, Claimed

Remember that you are a child of God

Marked with the sign of the cross

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen

**Gathering Song *Gather Us In*** Hymn 532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away;

see in this space our fears and our dreamings

brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,

gather us in, the blind and the lame;

call to us now, and we shall awaken,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,

not in some heaven, light years away—

but here in this place the new light is shining,

now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,

gather us in and make us your own;

gather us in, all peoples together,

fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**READING**

A reading from Psalm 146   
5Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
    whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
6who made heaven and earth,  
    the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;  
7    who executes justice for the oppressed;  
    who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
8    the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
    the Lord loves the righteous.  
9The Lord watches over the strangers;  
    he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
    but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,***

***and renew a rightspirit within me.***   Ps.51

**Luke, Chapter 4**

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| 16When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:  18“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, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”  20And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” The gospel of the Lord.  **Praise to you, O Christ.** | **16**Fue a Nazaret, donde se había criado, y un sábado entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre. Se levantó para hacer la lectura, **17**y le entregaron el libro del profeta Isaías. Al desenrollarlo, encontró el lugar donde está escrito:  **18**«El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,     por cuanto me ha ungido     para anunciar buenas nuevas a los pobres. Me ha enviado a proclamar libertad a los cautivos     y dar vista a los ciegos, a poner en libertad a los oprimidos, **19**    a pregonar el año del favor del Señor».[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+4%3A+16-21&version=NVI#fes-NVI-25047a)]  **20**Luego enrolló el libro, se lo devolvió al ayudante y se sentó. Todos los que estaban en la sinagoga lo miraban detenidamente, **21**y él comenzó a hablarles: «Hoy se cumple esta Escritura en presencia de ustedes».El Evangelio del Señor  **Alabamos a ti O Cristo** |

**SERMON Pastor Carol**

**SONG OF THE DAY *Spirit of Gentleness*** Hymn 396

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness***

***blow through the wilderness***

***calling and free***

***Spirit, Spirit of restlessness***

***stir me from placidness,***

***wind, wind on the sea***

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep

then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep

and over the eons you called to each thing

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wing." ***Refrain***

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes

From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams

our women see visions, our men clear their eyes

With bold new decisions your people arise. ***Refrain***

**Prayers**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Offering Special music *Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

***So here I am to worship***

***Here I am to bow down***

***Here I am to say that You’re my God***

***You’re altogether loving, altogether worthy***

***Altogether wonderful to me***

King of all days, oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love’s sake became poor ***Refrain* 2x**

**oFFERING PRAYER AND COMMUNION**

*Those communinh from home can have the elements sitting out on a small table for blessing as Pastor speaks the Words of Institution. Pastor Carol will then invite you to receive before distributing communion to the in person gathering.*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*The body and blood of Christ given for you. (From the altar)*

**communion special music**

**announcements**

**Memorial Service for Lorraine Mink – Friday, January 22 at 11am on Zoom**

**Annual Meeting:** Sun. Jan. 24 following worship. Business ofBudget for 2021 and election of people to council etc.

**150th Anniversary-** Sunday January 31 at 11am**.** Guest preacher is Bishop Curry from the Metro Chicago Synod. Kickoff for our celebration of 150 years.

**Communion Live on Zoom.** Please contact Cindy so that she can prepare communion packets for you to worship from home.

**Grupo de Oración con Pr Jose (in Spanish)** Contact Pr. Jose or the Bethlehem office for more information.

**peace**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**video Song  *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Hymn 843**

**led by Anne-Marie Rozsa**

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

**Dismissal** Go in peace, with Jesus in your heart. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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