



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
January 9, 2022 • 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome, Check-In, & Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Responsive Call-to-Worship

Vernon Blair

Servant: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way.

People: The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

Servant: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

People: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

Servant: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

People: We offer ourselves and what we have.

Servant: The story continues. The good news abounds.

There is a living Christ to discover, and worship, and serve.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

#2

Karen Wilson, Leading

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Invocation

Radiant God, all nations are drawn to your light; all people proclaim your praise. You befriend the forsaken and the hated; you are the help of the oppressed; for you have come to us in Jesus Christ. We rejoice in your great love for the world, and rise to praise you, together with people of all nations. Glory be to you, O God! Amen.

The Written Word

Psalm 29 • The Message

Vernon Blair

Bravo, God, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!" In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power. Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor God! For God thunders across the waters; Brilliant, God's voice and face, streaming brightness—God, across the flood waters. God's thunder tympanic, God's thunder symphonic. God's thunder smashes cedars, God topples the northern cedars. The mountain ranges skip like spring colts, the high ridges jump like wild kid goats. God's thunder spits fire. God thunders, the wilderness quakes; God makes the desert of Kadesh shake. God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing; A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches. We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!" Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which God's power flows, from which God rules the world. God makes the people strong. God gives the people peace.

Joy-Filled Giving

Tithes and Offerings

Preparing for Table

Rescue Me

The Work of The People

COMING TO THE TABLE

Invitation

The Written Word

Isaiah 43: 1–7

NRSV

But now thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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COMING TO THE TABLE

Song/Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

#265

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.
When we fall on our knees, with our face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer of Confession

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through this life you've given us. Forgive us when selfishness makes us willing to ignore and hurt others. Forgive us when we refuse to follow the light you give us, each and every day. Forgive us and shine in our lives the light of your child, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Communion

Bread + Cup

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news in Jesus Christ. God loves us more than we love ourselves. God forgives us, encourages us, and frees us to love others. Thanks be to God.

Ministry through Song

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Choir

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sing; How shall my tongue describe it,
Where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free.
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus. Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my guilt and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, Praise His name.

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost, by it I have been pardoned,
Saved to the uttermost; Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty.
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus. Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my guilt and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, Praise His name.

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Ministry through Song (continued)

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Choir

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled, by its transforming power
Making him God's dear child. Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.
Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus. Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my guilt and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus, Praise His name.

ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word

Ephesians 1: 15–23

NRSV

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Spoken Word

And Then, There's Jesus

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song

There's Something About That Name

#105

Karen Wilson, Leading

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and Kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

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Prayers of the People

God of light that shines through all creation, your word has called us back into your light. May you shine through our lives, we pray, making us your children and helping us bear witness to the light that dwells among us, through Christ, our way, our truth, and our light.

Ministry Moment Men's Ministry – Breakfast, Retreat, & Service

Hymn *Living for Jesus* #413, v. 1, 3, 4
Karen Wilson, Leading

Living for Jesus, a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne; My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus, wherever I am, doing each duty in His holy Name; Willing to suffer affliction and loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross. O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me; I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne; My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus through earth's little while, my dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in Him.
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee, for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne; My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ,
for Thee alone.

Weekly Challenge

Postlude Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Benediction *Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently*