



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
January 24, 2021 • Third Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

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Welcome & Announcements

Virtual Check-In

Visual Liturgy

Love Never Leaves

The Work of the People

Call-to-Worship

God has made this day. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship the living God!

To God, Fountain of Life, Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness, be praise in all the earth!

Hymn

Our Great Savior

#63, v. 1,2,4,5

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength, my victory wins.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend!

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Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,

Storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend!

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Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find,

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine.

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Invocation

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace & wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ, you have touched us with your Spirit; and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Written Word

Psalm 62: 5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God; God is a refuge for us.
(Selah)

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.

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

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Hymn

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

#162

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry; Everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful; Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Rambo

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The Written Word

Mark 1: 14-20

NRSV

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." 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. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Song

I Don't Wanna Go

David Nash

Like David and the temple, I wanna bring You praise but like David and his temple plans,
Your ways are not me ways. You don't need me to build a temple to know that You love me still
Like Israel on the shore, all I see is crashing waves, but like Israel on the shore,
It's through the wild You make a way. I will go where You go, I will stay where You stay, oh
'Cause I don't wanna go if You're not going before me
I don't wanna go if You're not going before me
I don't wanna go if You're not going before me
I don't wanna go if You're not going before me.
Like Moses in the desert, I wanna see the land but like Moses in the desert,
I can't fully see Your plan. Still your love doesn't stop,
when I see the land from the mountaintop, oh.
Like Peter on the hill, I wanna make this my place but like Peter on the hill,
Before Your transfigured face; I will go where You go, I will stay where You stay, oh-yeah
'Cause I don't wanna go if You're not going before me
I don't wanna go if You're not going before me
I don't wanna go if You're not going before me
I don't wanna go if You're not going before me.
If You're not going before me, yeah, If you're not going before me, I won't go, I won't go
Anywhere You are, I wanna be there; it's written on my heart, You're all I've ever needed.
Anywhere You go, I wanna be there; it's written on my soul, You're all I've ever needed.
Anywhere You are, I wanna be there; it's written on my heart, You're all I've ever needed.
Anywhere You go, I wanna be there; it's written on my soul, You're all I've ever needed.
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If you're not going before me, yeah, If you're not going before me, I won't go, I won't go.
Like Jesus in the garden; Won't you take this cup from me?
But like Jesus in the garden, you don't call where You won't lead
I wanna love like You love, wanna bleed like You bleed, oh

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ENTERING GOD'S STORY

The Written Word

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. So Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said would be brought upon them; and God did not do it.

The Spoken Word

A Second Time

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#466, v. 2 & 3

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee, that where Thou art in glory,
there shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my Friend.

Mission Moment

Stewardship – Tithes & Offerings

Hymn

I've Found A Friend

#478, v. 1 & 3

I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love, and thus he bound me to Him.
And round my heart still closely twine those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His and He is mine, forever and forever!
I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! So kind and true and tender,
So wise a Counselor and Guide, so mighty a Defender!
From Him who loves me now so well, what power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death, or earth or hell? No! I am His forever.

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Weekly Challenge

Postlude

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Benediction

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently