

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Barbara Papagian, Worship Leader
Online Worship
January 23, 2022

PRELUDE “Crown Him with Many Crowns” – arr. Matt Hyzer Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Carolyn Keilig

INTROIT # 623 “Oh, I Woke Up This Morning”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Rejoice! God is with you.

People: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.

Leader: God’s love is forever. You are beloved.

People: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.

Leader: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

All: Praise be to God for such wondrous love.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Loving God, how grateful we are for the many joys in life that you, in your grace have given us in such abundance. Thank you for the simple things in life and those that we so often take for granted, for flowers and food, for mountains and streams, for our senses and the many joys that we gain from seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, and touching. Thank you for the joy of friends and family, for sun and rain and the seasons. Thank you for the joy of singing praises to you, and thank you for your Son Jesus Christ in whom is the fullness of joy. Amen.

HYMN # 64 “We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God”

TIME TO WONDER “Linked In”

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE # 306 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

MUSICAL OFFERING “Praise to the Lord” – arr. Evelyn R. Larter Elizabeth Blood, Piano
& Adam Peithmann, Organ

SCRIPTURE READINGS Justin May

Nehemiah 8:1-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to

bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Happiness and Joy"

Rev. Barbara Papagian

HYMN # 560

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION

Let joy live in your heart and as you leave this service today, go out into the community and share the joy, peace, and hope of Christ with all those you meet.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Duke Street" – arr. Gilbert Martin

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Introit
Hymn No. 623

“Oh, I Woke Up This Morning”

1. Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus. Woke up this morning with mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus, woke up this morning with my mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

3. Makes you love ev’rybody with your mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus. Love ev’rybody with your mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus, love ev’rybody with your mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Opening Hymn No. 64

“We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God”

1. We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at your command, and all the stars obey.

2. We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food; you formed the creatures with your word, and then pronounced them good. Oh! how your wonders are displayed, where’er we turn our eyes: if we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.

3. There’s not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known; and clouds arise, and tempest blow, by order from your throne. While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Prayer Response
Hymn No. 306

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 560

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms