

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

The Same Love

You choose the humble and raise them high.
You choose the weak and make them strong.
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life.

The same love that set the captives free,
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us by name;
You are calling us all by name.

The same God that spread the heavens wide,
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us by name;
You are calling us all by name.

You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words, "You are Mine."
You call the cynic and the proud;
"Come to Me now."

The same love that set the captives free,
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us by name;
You are calling us all by name.

The same God that spread the heavens wide,
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us by name;
You are calling us all by name.

Oh, oh, oh, oh.
Oh, oh, oh, oh.

You're calling,
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You're calling us to the cross.

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: We are in a Christ-centered universe.

C: **Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.**

P: For by him all things were created.

C: **Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

P: And he is the head of the body, the church;

C: **Christ is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead,**

P: So that he might have first place in everything.

C: **For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,**

P: And through him to reconcile to himself all things,

C: **By making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

P: Let us pray. O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, so that in this worship service we may grow in the knowledge of Christ our Savior and thereby be strengthened so that in everything he might have first place.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:15-23

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” ⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living 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.

Jesus Over Everything

He came from glory
Took on flesh to save the lost
Grace and mercy displayed upon the cross
Our redemption He's the hope for all mankind
One name over everything
One name over everything

Jesus over everything
He reigns forevermore
Our song for all eternity
Jesus Christ is Lord

Who can rival our resurrected King
In one moment He brought death to its knees
All the power and all authority
To one name over everything
One name over everything

Jesus over everything
He reigns forevermore
Our song for all eternity
Jesus Christ is Lord

Jesus over everything
He reigns forevermore
Our song for all eternity
Jesus Christ is Lord

Over fear over shame
Over all anxiety
Over troubles and all pain
Over sickness and disease
For He reigns on the throne
All praise to Him alone
One name over everything

Over death and all sin
Over hell over the grave
Darkness bows and demons flee
At the mention of His name
For He reigns on the throne
All praise to Him alone
One name over everything

Jesus over everything
He reigns forevermore
Our song for all eternity
Jesus Christ is Lord

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Sermon We Live In A Christ Centered Universe Colossians 1:15-23

The Offering

Prayer of Blessing

P: God of community, we want to be your faith community. We want to be children of the light and the day. Bless and use these gifts that they might be sources of light and life to those in despair. Make your church a beacon of hope and blessings to all who are in need. Make us your faithful, grateful followers who know the joy of sacrificial giving.

C: **Amen**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

People: **but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Pastor: As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit.

As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work.

For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*]. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Sovereign God, merciful Father,

C: **We confess that, although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we give priorities to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us humility to truly bow before Christ Jesus, the center of the universe, so that in everything he might have first place.**

P: Through Christ, our crucified King, you have pardon and peace from our Father in heaven. “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” (*Colossians 1:19–20*).

C: **Let us then worship our King, proclaiming Jesus Lord of all!**

P: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the precious and powerful Gospel to you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **The Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. Amen!**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
"Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
We love You our sweet Jesus.
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Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'-ry hour I need You.
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Oh, God, how I need You.

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Oh, God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

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Communion Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.
Go in His peace.

C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, gracious Father, for what You have revealed to us through Your Son. As Your Spirit continues to call us through Your Word, grant us ears to hear, wills to obey, hands to serve, and hearts filled with the grace that You have bestowed in this Holy Supper. Strengthen and preserve us all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction: (From Colossians 3:16–17)

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

People: **And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we will do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

I'm Going Free (Jailbreak)

Go on and speak against my borrowed innocence.
The Judge is my defense. I'm going free.
Right when the gavel fell, I heard the freedom bell ring through the heart of hell.
I'm goin' free. I'm going free.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

I won't go back again, that's just not who I am. Lord,
I'm a brand new man. I'm goin' free.
I'm on a narrow road. It's paved with grace and hope.
It's gonna lead my home. I'm goin' free.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

I am free. I am free, indeed.
I am free. I am free, indeed.

We are free, free indeed.
We are free, free indeed.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty. I'm goin' free.

Someday I'll fly away on Your amazing grace.
Your love is my jailbreak. I'm goin' free.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! He threw my shackles in the sea.
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Jesus is my liberty.

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