



January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

COMING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“O Worship the King”

Robert Grant

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Though there are rulers, kings, queens,
God is the Lord of all life.

**In God we live and move
and have our being.**

God calls us to faithfulness and to service.

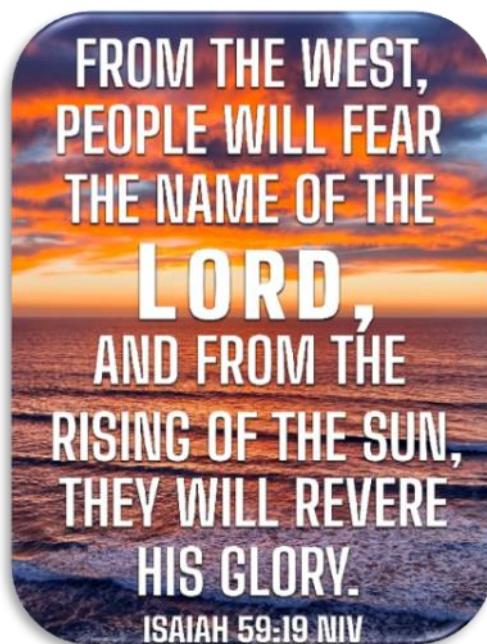
**We reach out to others
with the same kind of love
with which God has touched our lives.**

Come, let us worship the Lord
who is always with us.

**Let us praise God who walks daily
by our side. Amen.**

*INVOCATION

**You know each of us by name, O
God, and in your sight we have found
favor, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or
the vastness of your love. Grant that as we glimpse your greatness,
reflected in your many gifts, we may always return to you the praise
that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



*HYMN ##263 (blue)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt 11:28-30) Let us rest in God's mercy as we pray together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

To fear you is the beginning of wisdom, O God, and to confess our sins can lead to repentance. We acknowledge the wrongs we commit against neighbors; the remarks that aim at tearing them down, the subtle and not so subtle distinctions that “put them in their place.” Forgive us for our love of comfort in a world that is hungry and thirsty. Help us to change our ways, to truly repent, through the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ.



pause for silent confession

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end.
Amen. Amen.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Psalm 23 [Original Hebrew Translation]

1 Yahweh is my Shepherd;
Nothing shall I lack.

2 In verdant (green with vegetation) oases, He is making me recline;
Beside restful waters, He is conducting me.

3 My soul He is restoring;
He is guiding me in the routes of righteousness,
on account of His Name.

4 Even though I should walk in the ravine of blackest shadow,
I shall not fear evil, For You are with me;
Your club and Your staff, they are comforting me.

5 You are arranging a table before me in front of my foes;
You have sleeked my head with oil; My cup is satiated.

6 Yes, goodness and benignity, they shall pursue me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of Yahweh for length of days.

****Vs. 4Shepherd's rod: The Hebrew text mentions two objects carried by the shepherd: a club to defend against wild animals and a long pole to guide and control the sheep.*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

SECOND LESSON Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

3 He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Mission Builders, Covenant Partners”

Rev. Banu Moore

For You Are YAHWEH Yireh (YAHWEH our provider) Genesis 22:13-14
YAHWEH provideth all of our need according to His riches in glory by Ha
Meschiac Yahshua – Jesus the Christ. (From Philipians 4:19)

For You Are YAHWEH Nissi (YAHWEH our banner) Exodus 17:15-16
YAHWEH fights for us. (from Nehemiah 4:20)

For You Are YAHWEH Rapha (YAHWEH our healer) Exodus 15:26
By His stripes we were healed. (From Isaiah 53:5 and 1Peter 2:24)

For You Are YAHWEH Sabaoth (YAHWEH of hosts) 1 Samuel 17:45
Thus saith YAHWEH the King of Israel, redeemer YAHWEH of hosts; I am
the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no god. (From Isaiah 44:6)

For You Are YAHWEH Shalom (YAHWEH our peace) Judges 6:23-24
And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. (From Romans 16:20)

For You Are YAHWEH Tsidkenu (YAHWEH our righteousness) Jeremiah 23:6
No weapon that is formed against us shall prosper for our righteousness is
of YAHWEH Yahshua. (From Isaiah 54:17)

For You Are YAHWEH Rohi (YAHWEH our Shepherd) Psalm 23:1-4
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. (From Psalms
121:4)

For You Are YAHWEH Shammah (YAHWEH is with us.) Ezekiel 48:35
He shall never leave us nor forsake us. (from Hebrews 13:5)

For You Are YAHWEH MiKadishkim (YAHWEH our holiness.) Leviticus 20:8
For both He (Yahshua) that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of
one: for which cause He(Yahshua) is not ashamed to call them brethren,
(from Hebrews 2:11)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Epiphany Season

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that his light shines throughout all the nations.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God, and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #417 (red)

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

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

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

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

GIVING THANKS THROUGH THE OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.**

OFFERING “Worthy is the Lord”
Don Wyrzten

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of deliverance, who in Christ brings soundness of mind,
wholeness of bodies, and wisdom to all we say and do, receive now
the fruits of Christ’s work in us. May what we give be used to make
known Christ’s healing presence, so that all may live with assurance
of the new life you offer. Amen.**

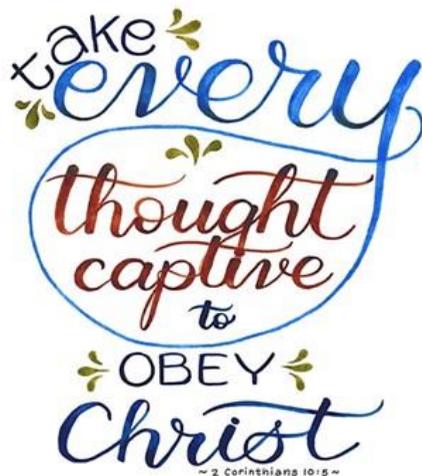
HYMN #442 (blue) “The Church’s One Foundation”
The Church’s one foundation / Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation / By water and the Word:
From Heaven He came and sought her / To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her / And for her life He died.

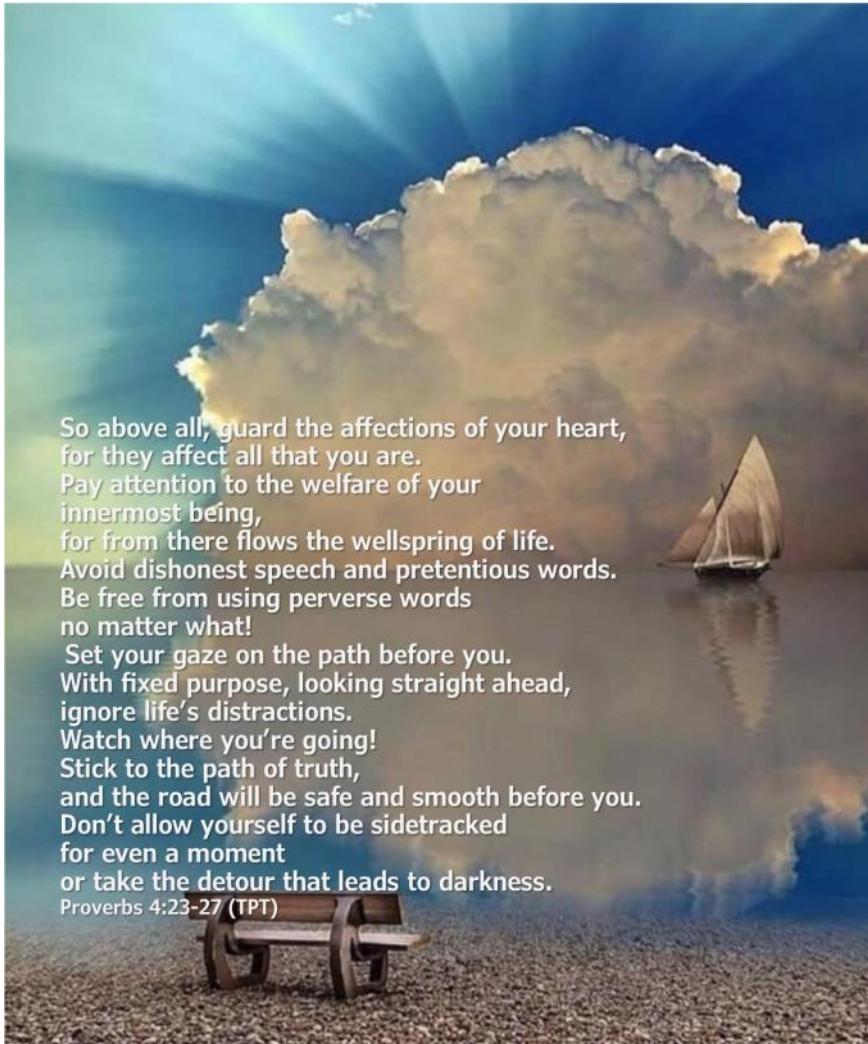
Elect from every nation, / Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, / One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, / Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, / With every grace endued.

’Mid toil and tribulation, / And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation / Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, / Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious / Shall be the church at rest!

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” Cleavant Derricks**





So above all, guard the affections of your heart,
for they affect all that you are.
Pay attention to the welfare of your
innermost being,
for from there flows the wellspring of life.
Avoid dishonest speech and pretentious words.
Be free from using perverse words
no matter what!
Set your gaze on the path before you.
With fixed purpose, looking straight ahead,
ignore life's distractions.
Watch where you're going!
Stick to the path of truth,
and the road will be safe and smooth before you.
Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked
for even a moment
or take the detour that leads to darkness.
Proverbs 4:23-27 (TPT)



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