

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Sunday Morning Worship

Call to Worship

We proclaim the message of the cross:
this is the wisdom and power of God.
For God alone my soul waits in silence.
Steadfast love belongs to God.
Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
May the word of God be fulfilled among us.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but
we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy
to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by God and given new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 8:4-13

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

Sermon

“I Will Remember You”

Prayers of Intercession and The 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 glory forever. Amen.

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Litany of Spiritual Gifts

Presentation of Candidates

For Installation: Marion Nester, Cynthia Smith, Kathy Vanderbeek

Questions to the Candidates

Questions to the Congregation

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Benediction and Sending



For Reflection at Home This Week

Questions for Reflection

Psalms 62 ends by saying, "God, you repay to all according to their work." Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

Morning Household Prayer

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today – mourning or gladness, buying or selling – help me to focus on you throughout it all. Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

Evening Household Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the assurance that I live forgiven and loved by you. I need your grace and want to share your grace with others. As I face this night, help me to pour out my heart to you and then rest in peace. Amen.