January 27, 2019 – 10:00 am THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Luke 4:21 " 'Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.' "

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP
- CCLI LICENSE #11164431
- LITURGY WRITTEN REV. LAVON BAYLER
- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.

PRELUDE: "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Doerksen

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Psalm 19

- One: Let the ears of all people be attentive; the heavens are telling the glory of God.
- MANY: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork. Let us bow down and worship our Creator.
- One: Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church.
- MANY: As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people.
- One: The Lord's regulations are right, gladdening the heart. The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.
- MANY: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness. We seek true community in which all are honored.

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 31

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

On this holy say, we come together to make sense of or lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of

understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*GLORIA: NCH 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Lay Liturgist

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 19 Page 630

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21 Angie Hausmann

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON:

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 553 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer. Concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed** be your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Your's is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769

Hear our prayer. O God. Hear our prayer, O God. Incline you ear to us. And grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: "We Are Called" David Haas

*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780

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

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: NCH 300 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 393 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" Blessed be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; The sharing of a common life Is like to that above.

*POSTLUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Roger C. Wilson