

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021 at 10'clock



*There is no greater gift you can give or receive than to honor your calling.
It's why you were born. And how you become most truly alive.*

Oprah Winfrey

PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "An Wasserflussen Babylon"
"By the Waters of Babylon"*

Sigfried Karg-Elert

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

One: It is time to become focused, not on our wants or complaints but on God:

All: In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.

One: Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God,
saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.

**All: The realm of God is not very far from any one of us,
for in God we live and move and have our being.**

One: Jesus said, "Repent and believe the good news."

**All: The time has come. In the silent places of my soul I turn to God,
for God alone is our rock and salvation.**

Written by Bruce Prewer

HYMN #453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
Join as you are able!

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**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.**

**Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet was taken away. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.

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A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
Keith Boratko

Ola Gjeilo

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

Jane Cave

SERMON

Re-creating Purpose

Amie Giguere

A TIME OF 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.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Jason Jakuboski, Foodshare

Offertory

Christus, der ist mein Leben
"For Me to Live Is Jesus"

J. A. Streicher

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN #614

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Join as you are able!

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**I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere (repeat)
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere (repeat)
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere (repeat)**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro in F from the Fourth Organ Concerto

G. F. Handel