



“BLESSED *are the*
PEACEMAKERS,
for they will be called
CHILDREN OF GOD.” *Matthew 5:9*

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January 29, 2023
Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am
Grief Support Mondays: 7:00 pm
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

With One Voice

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.



PRELUDE

You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to all visitors, and thank you for coming to worship at Epiphany!
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.
Please sign our guest book by the front doors.*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the ✝ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN 383 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn.

Christ rose triumphant that your hearts, with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame.
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace.
Redress sin's cruel consequence, Give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain.
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek, the paths which Christ has trod.
And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O saints of God!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

KYRIE (*sing with Assistant*)

A: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

A: *Christe eleison*

C: Christ have mercy.

A: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter beginning with the 1st verse.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 764 *"Blest Are They"*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, Holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart they shall see God! Refrain

Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom, shine for all to see. Refrain

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made,

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Gather us in, gracious God. Bring together United Methodist and Pentecostal, Baptist and Roman Catholic, Lutheran and AME-Zion. Form us in worship into your united people. Send us out as one in you, proclaiming your glory and serving all. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

Fed with bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, make us from highways and lakeshores and protect animal habitats. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We pray for all the nations of the world. Help us to reach out to the places where the scandal of hunger resides. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

Quell the anxieties of all who wait for the test results. Bring hope to all whose life is a struggle and filled with despair. Send us to care for those who suffer, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family... *Sarah, Don, Vera, Jim, Barb, Joe, Karen, Dave, Sara, George, Steve, Sandi, Minda* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

Open us to see how our congregation abounds with every spiritual gift. Send us out to share our abundant gifts and proclaim your steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We thank you for the faithfulness of your prophets. Strengthen our faith in you. Send us out to proclaim and live your justice boldly. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to greet each other with words of peace.

OFFERINGS can be mailed, dropped off at church

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or sent through

our website at www.epiphanyfw.com.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: we lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary ...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!
Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 723 *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

The Spirit sends us forth to serve, we go in Jesus' name.

To bring glad tiding to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free.

Where hope is dim to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ to scatter joy like seed.

And all our days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim.

God's Spirit has empower'd us, we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor

Richard Hartman

Assistant

Amber Logan

Lector

Nancy Lee

Communion Assistant

Richard Lee

Lector 10:15

Mike Rumfield

Communion Assistant 10:15

Jack Swanson

Pianist

Amanda Pickett



Devin Meunier - January 30th!

Chuck Lehman - February 1st!

Terry Goodspeed - February 2nd!

Cindy Rice - February 2nd!

Bob Havers - February 3rd!

Cindy & David Rice - February 1st - 43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Outreach we are gathering items needed for A Baby's Closet an Associated Churches program to help mothers provide for their babies. Place items in the crib in the narthex. Most needed are diapers, diaper ointment, crib sheets, lotion, shampoo, bottles, onesies, nail clippers, rattles, and teething rings.

Military Support - Lets make sure they know we are thinking of them, praying for them and send some items they can't get to show our support. The red bin is where you put the items, personal hygiene items unscented if possible, snacks, lip balm, word puzzle books, hard candies, small paperback books that fit in your pocket, playing cards, flavored drink mixes for individual bottles, lifesavers.

Souper Bowl - bring in soups and other canned and boxed items for the Associated Churches Food Bank. Place them on your favorite team!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 1-22	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship <i>12:00 - 3:30pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship</i>
MONDAY	8:00 - 2:00 pm NHC 7:00 PM Grief Support Group
THURSDAY	8:00 - 2:00 pm NHC
FRIDAY	6:00 pm Meaningful Day Music Therapy Group
SATURDAY	<i>11:00 am - 12:00 pm Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting/undercroft</i> <i>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship</i>
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