



Sunday, January 24, 2021

*Welcome!*

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[This Week's Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather around the words of Christ:

**“Come, and follow me.”**

We gather around the voice of the Spirit:

**“Come, and follow me.”**

Let us worship God together

**and follow Christ into the world.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we worship and praise you this day, comfort us with the everlasting promise that you will never leave us nor forsake us. As you follow alongside us, help us to follow you this day. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, one God now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 109

*Blest Be the God of Israel*

MERLE'S TUNE

1. Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.
2. God from the house of David a child of grace has given;  
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.

Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

3. On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.  
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

#### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We fall short of the glory of God, but we know that because of God's unending love and mercy, evil does not have the final say. With this in mind and heart, let us boldly confess our sins.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you,  
yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.  
We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry.  
We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism, and hatred that disguises itself as  
fear. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,  
open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me."**

#### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No matter how many times we turn from God, God never turns away from us. Because of this unconditional love, through Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

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

#### \*SUNG RESPONSE (721)

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek the seas.*

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious Lord, in the word you have given to us, may you give us a better understanding of what it means to follow you. We ask that your Spirit give us the spiritual fuel to help us follow you so that by our lives, others may know you more clearly. In Christ's name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 62:5-12  
Here ends ths psalm. **Amen.**

Mark 1:14-20  
The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

## SERMON

Rev. David Madewell

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of Belbar (3.1-3.2)*

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. That God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

# THE EUCHARIST

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of everlasting love, as you gather us again at this table, we thank you for reminding us that even if we walk away from you, that you will never walk away from us. Amen.**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end.  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall no fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou near and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of prison, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*The annual meeting of the congregation convenes at noon on Zoom.*

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\*Rise in body or spirit

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

### PREACHING

*Rev. David Madewell*

### PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

*Dennis Jewett, Director of Music*

### ASSISTING

*Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission*  
*Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School*

### MUSICIANS

*Patrick Ritsch, Organist*