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Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Pursue the Good: Give Warning

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trust and Obey

by Sammis

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

P: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

L: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

P: we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

L: God has called us together, God has called us to be part of a community.

P: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

L: In this time together,

P: may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

L: allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

P: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2004** (FWS, see p. 3) *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: Merciful God, forgive us when we invest our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ and when we squander our gifts by failing to use them to build people up. Forgive us when we conceal the wideness of your mercy by our lack of compassionate behavior. Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel around. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed even if this means taking risks and expending whatever energy we may have. Help us to hear Jesus' words addressed to us about being eager to share the spiritual treasure that we have, knowing that as we do, more, much more, will be given. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 (BH, v. 2 & refrain, see p. 4) *Jesus the Light of the World*

ALL SING: Joyful, all you saints arise, Jesus, the light of the world; Join the triumph of the skies, Jesus, the light of the world. We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **SUNDAY SONGS**

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15

Matthew 12: 1-14

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 575 (BH, see p. 5)

O For a World

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 314** (BH, see p. 6)

Community of Christ

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

by Mouret

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Thank you to Dave Firestone, Joe Vacante, Jim Firestone, John Schriver, & Elaine Bevivino for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Brenda Beyer for reading Scripture this morning. Thank you to Brenda Beyer & Debbie Butcher for serving on the praise team. Thank you to Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Scott Kiefer, Faye Heal, & Nancy Sleeper for serving on the welcome team.

¹ The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Godd and published on his blog, Worship Offerings, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>, and accessed on January 18, 2022 on at Re:Worship, re:Worship: Call to Worship: Faith and Work (re-worship.blogspot.com).

² The Prayer of Confession is written by Moira Laidlaw and accessed through Re:Worship Blogspot re:Worship: Prayer of Confession: Matthew 25: 14-30 (re-worship.blogspot.com) on January 18, 2022

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Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Troeger

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Praise the source of faith and learn - ing that has sparked and stoked the
 2. God of wis - dom, we ac - know ledge that our sci - ence and our
 3. May our faith re - deem the blun - der of be - liev - ing that our
 4. As two cur - rents in a riv - er fight each oth - er's un - der -

8
 mind with a pas - sion for dis - cern - ing how the world has
 art and the breadth of hu - ma knowl - edge on - ly par - tial
 thought has dis - placed the grounds for won - der which the an - cient
 - tow till con - verg - ing they de - liv - er one co - her - ent

15
 been de - signed. Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the
 truth im - part. Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tion lies a
 proph - ets taught. May our learn - ing curb the er - ror which un -
 stead - y flow, blend, O God, our faith and learn - ing till they

22
 won - ders we sur - vey keep our faith for - ev - er grow - ing
 depth we can - not sound where your pur - pose for cre - a - tion
 - think - ing faith can breed lest we jus - ti - fy some ter - ror
 carve a sin - gle course, till they join as one, re - turn - ing

29
 and re - new our need to pray:
 and the - pulse of life are found.
 with an - an - ti - quat - ed creed.
 praise and thanks to you, their Source.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano 

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8 

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain* 

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22 

dew - drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

29 

Je - sus the light of the world.

O For a World

Miriam Winter

Carl Glaser

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1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -
2. O for a world where goods are shared and
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's

4

- spects each - oth - er's ways, Where love is lived and
mis - er - y re - lieved, Where truth is spo - ken,
strug - gle with each choice That o - pens us to
fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: out -
glo - rious reign of peace, Where time and tears will

7

all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
- casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
be no more, and all but love will cease.

Community of Christ

Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

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1. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, who
 2. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, look
 3. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, through
 4. When men - ace melts a - way, so

4

make the Cross your own, live out your creed and
 past the chur - ch's door, and see the ref - u -
 whom the word must sound; cry out for jus - tice
 shall God's will be done, the cli - mate of the

7

risk your life for God a - lone: The God who wears your
 - gee, the hun - gry and the poor. Take hands with the op -
 and for peace the whole world round: Dis - arm the powers that
 world be peace and Christ its Sun; Our cur - ren - cy be

11

face, to whom all worlds be - long, whose chil - dren are of
 - pressed, the job - less in your street, take towel and wa - ter,
 war and all that can de - stroy, turn bombs to bread, and
 love and kind - li - ness our law, our food and faith be

15

ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 shared as one for - ev - er more.