

**January 17, 2021  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany**



Leading Worship Today:

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**Lay Leader:** Chuck Klaassen

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

To view the worship video please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/AmEtYFXm7Nc>

For those worshipping with the video please read along whenever the text is bold.

PRELUDE

'Air' from Suite in D

J. S. Bach

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;*

*Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.*

*-The Confession of Belhar*

WELCOME

INTROIT  
Vinson

The Lord of the Dance

Hardiman Arr.

Clarinet: Victoria Vanderheiden

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 139

Where could I go to get away from your spirit?

**Where could I go to escape your presence?**

If I went up to heaven, you would be there.

**If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!**

If I could fly on the wings of dawn,

stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—

**even there your hand would guide me;**

**even there your strong hand would hold me tight!**

God is here, God is with us.

**Let us worship the Holy One our God!**

OPENING HYMN

#610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because we are buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, we are also raised to new life with him in them.

Believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

**Alleluia, Amen.**

### GLORIA PATRI

**#581 GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

### WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PSALTER READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**2** You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**3** You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**4** Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.

**5** You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**13** For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

**15** My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**16** Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

**17** How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**18** I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

## MESSAGE

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.  
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SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are My All in All

Arr. Larson

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, who taught us to pray not only for ourselves but for people everywhere, hear us as we pray for others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Inspire the whole church with your power, unity, and peace.

Grant that all who trust you may obey your word, and live together in love.

Lead all nations in the way of justice and goodwill. Inspire our world towards cooperation for the benefit of all.

Direct those who govern, that they may rule fairly, maintain order, uphold those in need, and defend oppressed people; that this world may claim your rule and know your peace. Give courage, wisdom, and humility to leaders at all levels of government as we continue to deal with the divisions around our country and the insurrection in Washington D.C.

Awaken all people to the danger we have inflicted upon the earth. Implant in each a reverence for all you have made that we may preserve the delicate balance of creation for all coming generations.

Give grace to all you proclaim the gospel through word and sacrament and deeds of mercy, that by their teaching and example they may reveal your love for all people.

Comfort and relieve, O Lord, all who are in trouble.

Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope.

Bring to our remembrance all those who, having served you on earth, now sing your praises eternally. May their endurance give us courage and their faithfulness give us hope; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hear our prayers, God of grace, and help us to fulfill them, working according to your purpose, in peace, justice, and mercy, in all we do; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as Christ has taught us we are bold to pray...

**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.**

### SENDING

#### CLOSING HYMN

#69 I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

Refrain:  
Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

#### CHARGE and BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

J. S. Bach

## MUSIC LICENSES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Service for Healing and Wholeness:** This past year, more than ever, many of us have experienced grief, loss, isolation, stress, or anxiety along with illness and injury. We will have our annual Service for Healing and Wholeness so that we might come into God's presence seeking the healing and wholeness God offers. The service will be on Sunday, January 31st at 4:30pm. This service will contain elements from previous years services, but due to the pandemic will be offered in a new format, via Zoom. This allows some of the intimacy and personal connection offered in previous years services in a way that is safe for us all. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** BPC Youth and the Missions Committee have once again joined the Souper Bowl of Caring, helping to gather food and monetary donations for the Buffalo Food Shelf. There are 2 ways you can donate: drop off food and/or monetary donations at the Church Mon-Fri 9am-1pm through Sunday Feb. 7th or donate online (<https://www.buffalopresbyterian.org/>) and in the comment line write in Souper Bowl of Caring

**Garden Desk Calendars:** Please pick up your 2021 desk calendar in the church office. All donations from these will be going to Buffalo Food Shelf.

**Children's Sunday School is back!** Calista Wedemier (Cherches) will be teaching our children's class every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 am via Zoom. To make sure your family is on the contact list please contact Pastor Brian.

**Upcoming Worship Schedule:** The worship services in January will be online, please pay attention to your email on Sundays for worship links and bulletins.

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## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

