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3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

10:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

SONG: "Holy Is the Lord"

Verse: We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship Him now; how great, how awesome is He! And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.

Chorus: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory, the earth is filled with His glory.
(verse – chorus)

BRIDGE: It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown. It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown. And together we sing, ev'ryone sing.

Chorus: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord, God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory, the earth is filled with His glory, the earth is filled with His glory.

TAG: Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. Holy, holy. (x3)

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS:

P. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

THE INTROIT: (From Psalm 113)

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets the name of the Lord is to be praised. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore. The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.

SONG: "Shine On Us"

1. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the darkest night, Let Your light shine on us.
2. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the darkest night, Let Your grace fall on us.
3. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us. That we may be saved, that we may have life; To find our way in the darkest night, Let Your love come over us.Let Your light shine on us.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

I Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 3

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. 11 My brothers, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. 12 What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? 14 I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized into my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Apostle's Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG: *"The Power of the Cross"*

1. Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then, Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus 1: This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

2. Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow. *(chorus 1)*

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath. Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. *(chorus 1)*

4. Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love!

Chorus 2: This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost; We stand forgiven at the cross. *(repeat chorus 2)*

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SERMON: Matthew 4:12-23 **"Jesus' Forgiveness Gives Us Something to Fall Back On"**

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

SONG: “Your Everlasting Love”

From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him (Psalm 103:17)

1. Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky.

Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the sky, higher than the sky.

Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is higher than the sky.

Chorus: Higher, than the heavens above, is the glory of Your wonderful love.

I'm lost in the mystery of Your everlasting love, Your everlasting love.

2. Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea.

Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the sea, deeper than the sea.

Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is deeper than the sea. *(chorus)*

3. Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me.

Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me, reaching out to me.

Oh, the wonder of Your everlasting love is reaching out to me.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY:

January 23rd and 30th 10:30 Service