



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>Andante</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
WELCOME		Pastor Denise Clark-Jones
INTROIT	<i>O Come, Let Us Worship the Lord</i>	Clarence Dickenson

O come, let us worship the Lord our God, for holy is His name.
We adore Thee, we bless Thy name, and we magnify Thee, O Lord most high.
Thou art the King of glory, O Lord, and holy is Thy name.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

With steadfast love, God calls our names.
Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Feast on the abundance of God's house.
Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We are ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.
The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life!

Your delight in us brings out our best.

When you rejoice in us,

we come to believe in our capacity for goodness.

When your light and salvation dawn in our lives,

we want to share gifts you so freely bestow.

Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another,

that we may use them to serve people in need

and give glory to your name.

Amen.

* HYMN #156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Below the staves, there are four lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest, 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed, 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

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 MUSIC: Jakob Hintze, 1678; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Don Urban

Despite our best intentions,
 there is much in life that separates us from God.
 We find ourselves living for things and being ruled by our appetites.
 Our possessions become for us dumb idols
 that keep us from taking risks and making sacrifices of faithfulness.
 Join me in confessing our sin.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the heathen and the righteous,
we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ.
We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration,
and wandered far from your healing presence.
Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there.
How precious is your steadfast love
that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values!
Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us.**
(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #551

Lord Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God does not treat us as heathens, forsaken and desolate.
We are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love,
celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights.
Let your hearts be lifted up.
We are not bound to our old ways but are freed for a new identity.
God's benevolent gifts are apportioned to each of us in abundance.
Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #581

Glory Be to the Father

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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

What will we give in gratitude for God's forgiveness and healing grace?

Who can repay the many gifts we have received with the miracle of life?

Let us rejoice in the mission God entrusts to us.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

* DOXOLOGY #607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Don Urban

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**God of our baptism,
whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose,
we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts.
May what we share strengthen your children spiritually,
inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us.
The varieties of gifts you entrust to us
can be realized only if they are used.
Thank you for granting us this joy.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All Things Come of Thee

Herbert C. Peabody

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
quicken our understanding
that we may receive the testimony of scripture
and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSVUE)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

John 2:1-11 (NRSVUE)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

“An Epiphany of Abundance”



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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us 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.**

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Depart to serve, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
Use the wisdom, faith, and knowledge you received.

We can not rest in God's care or keep silent.

The love of God must be lived and shared.

Go forth with praise on your lips.

The steadfast love of God will light your paths.

We want to offer light and hope to others.

Daily, we will seek inspiration for this joyous task.

Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.

Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

We pray that God will keep us open to further, learning.

May our humble witness attract others to Christ.

May God rejoice over you and call you "My Delight."

May Christ Jesus bring out the best in you, to his glory.

And may the Spirit equip you all with the gifts for the common good. Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Flourish on "Salzburg"

Douglas Wagner

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
Psalm 73:26*



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Billy Augustus, JoAnn Hood, Ryan Hubert,
Donna Sue Buchanan, David Kropf, Shelley Wheeler,
Robert Leathers and family, Lori Montero and family

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.

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