

January 22, 2017
Third Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude: Prelude in A Minor J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Welcome

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: *Siyahamba*

Call to Worship

One: Come, all have known gloom and anguish. Come,
all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

**All: Sometimes we have felt oppressed and
forsaken. Our losses seem greater than we can
bear.**

One: God is our light and our salvation. God is our
stronghold; we need not fear.

**All: Enemies lose their power when we look up to
God. We come now, seeking God's face.**

One: Come, behold the beauty of our God. Come to find
shelter in a day of trouble.

**All: We will sing and make melody to God. We will
dare to lift up shouts of joy.**

One: Come, let us worship God together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Shine on us today, gracious God, for we need the light
and salvation you offer. Come to each one gathered here,
and to all who are a part of this community of faith.

Come to our city, our nation, our world, to still the
quarrels and dissolve the enmity among us. Come with
good news of health and wholeness for everyone. Do not
cast us off, do not forsake us, O God of our salvation.
Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in
ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are
to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in
the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we
have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed.
Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a
quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences.
Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your realm.
Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you
seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

***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.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 27:1-9

(Page 619 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 9:1-4

(Page 780 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)

*(Children will leave for Sunday School and Youth
Discussion Group)*

***Hymn:** #465 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *Everybody Need a King Jesus!* Parker/Sorenson

***Doxology:** *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.*

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament Reading – Matthew 4: 12-23

(Page 4 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "Whom Shall You Follow?"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer

Prayer Response: *Spirit of the Living God*

***Hymn:** #853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

Benediction

Benediction Response: #853 *Siyahamba*

(To be sung by all)

Postlude: Fugue in A Minor

J.S. Bach

(*Please stand if able)

*If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the
guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our
Pastor or to one of our Deacons.*

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and
fellowship following worship. All are welcome. Our host
today is Christiane Olson.

Please see an usher:

If you would like to use a hearing device;

If you would like to bring your child to the Nursery

Many thanks to:

Theresa Carroll for serving as lay reader

The Frost Family for donating flowers

Bob Weber & Pat Palmer for ushering

Prayer List

*Alice Gustafson, Leonard Kaufman, Laura Flores, Margie
Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Shirley Rogers, Jane
Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria
Buckley, Petie Robinson, Gay Ayers, The Sosnoff Family,
Wilma Tillerman, Emily, Will, Al.*

*Family & Friends of: Jeri & Trish Johnson; Kit Kellogg, Ann
Cuddy, Marianne Fair and Jordan Doyle*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday "Feel the Warmth" Dinner in Bridgeport
 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
 Friday 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
 Sunday 11:15am Congregational Meeting

OPPORTUNITIES

"FEEL THE WARMTH DINNER" IN BRIDGEPORT

Our first **Feel the Warmth Dinner** for 2017 will be held in Bridgeport on Thursday, January 26th. Please consider volunteering your time to feed our hungry neighbors. Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall. Contact Peg Heck or Jeanette Weber for more information.

PHOTOS AFTER WORSHIP

Kristine Jennings is taking photos for our new photo directory after worship next Sunday morning, January 29th. Kristine will be in the Parish Hall near the library. If you have not already done so, please make the time to see her, so you can be included in the new directory!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Hall Library at 4:30 pm. The group is studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to attend.

Men's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome to attend.

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