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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**REFLECTION**

*“Jesus shares the good news of God’s realm as it grows in our world. God’s realm of Shalom reflects the divinely-grounded interdependence of life and involves healing, hospitality, and hope. God’s presence will bring good news to humankind and this good news is the result of divine initiative and human response.”*

*~ The Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly*

**PRELUDE**

*“Adagio cantabile” from Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor, op. 13*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827), transcribed by Daniel James Ficarra

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

For just as the body is one and has many members,

**All the members of the body are one, as it is with Christ.**

For in the one Spirit we are all baptized into one body,

**We all drink of one Spirit.**

We suffer together, we rejoice together, and we worship together;

**For we are the body of Christ together.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 409**

*God Is Here!*

ABBOT’S LEIGH

God is here! As we your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd’s flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel;  
Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you,  
We adore you! We believe!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. \_You call us to share the good news to other places and people. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. In the multitude of ways, we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing, we have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

This is the time of God's favor, God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind, Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

**We live as loved, forgiven and free people through the grace of Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children in kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

*1 Corinthians 12: 12,13, 27-31*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Recitative & Aria from ELLIJAH* Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

*“Ye people rend your hearts” & “If with all your hearts”*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 4:14-21*

**SERMON**

*Jesus Mission Statement*

Rev. William Schram

**\*\*HYMN No. 301**

*Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**\*\*HYMN No. 541, St. 1**

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

### **\*\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*In Festive Praise*

Dan Mitchell

**\*\*Those who are able may stand**

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Susan Jones & Noel Piercy

Paul Salierno, Soloist & Cantor

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