
OUR JOURNEY:

WAKING TO WONDER

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
January 24, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

J. BIERY

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Amy Kienzle

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

M. W. SMITH

Verses Jesus, I've forgotten the Words that You have spoken; promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim. With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom. Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again. **Refrain.**



I have built an altar where I worship things of man. I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You. Now I am returning to Your mercies everflowing. Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again. **Refrain.**

I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies, like a river of forgiveness everflowing without end. I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence, Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. **Refrain.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Carol Sachs, Lector

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Keep Me Safe, O God

P. INWOOD



Verses O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand I shall stand firm. **Refrain.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **Refrain.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, at your right hand happiness forever. **Refrain.**

LESSON

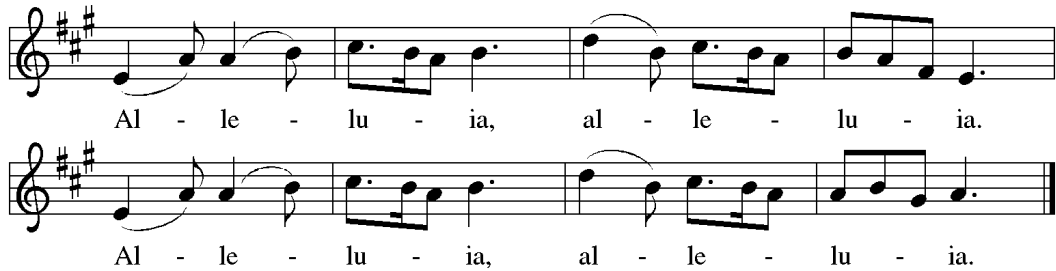
Phoebe DeMund, Lector

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Verses Speak, lord you servant is list'ning. Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are ever lasting life **Refrain.**

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Mercer Family

SERMON

Pastor Amy Kienzle

MUSIC FOR PRAYERS

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

HYMN 779

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Rebekah Turnbaugh

After each petition: Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your household.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity amidst a national and global emergency,
we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need.*

Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings.

You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

*If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our
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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Luna in the Sun

ZANZI DUO

John & Catherine Zanzi, Guitar

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word! You set the foundations of the world, you lead your people into freedom, you lift up the lowly, and fill the hungry with good things. Our hearts sing of your mercy and might! Send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may witness to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Now Is The Time

T. KENDZIA

Refrain

Come to us, you who say, "I will not for-get you." Be with us, you

who say, "Do not be a-fraid." Take hold of us, our hearts, our

minds, our whole be - ing. Make us your own, now is the time.

Verses

2 Cantor All

1. Spir - it of love, crush the pain of ha - tred.
2. Spir - it of peace, si - lence tongues of an - ger.
3. Spir - it of faith, rise a - bove our doubt-ing.

Cantor All Cantor

1. Spir - it of hope, stand be - fore our eyes. Spir - it of light,
2. Spir - it of life, break the chains of death. Spir - it of joy,
3. Spir - it of truth, save us from our lies. Spir - it of God,

All to Refrain

1. dance with-in our dark-ness. Make us your own, now is the time.
2. o - ver-come our sad-ness. Make us your own, now is the time.
3. walk a-mong your peo - ple. Make us your own, now is the time.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba

R. B. FARLEE

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Amy Kienzle
Liturgist	Pastor Frank Espegren
Lectors	Carol Sachs, Phoebe DeMund
Children's Sermon	The Mercer Family
Assisting Minister	Rebekah Turnbaugh
Assistant Director of Communications	Esperanza Foft
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Assistant Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Organ	Dr. Ryan Enright
Piano	Steven Johnson
Viola	Howie Montenegro
Guitar	John & Catherine Zanzi
Cantors	Joel Barkel, Josh Maddox, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Howie Montenegro, Nicole Newell, Mark Thomas
Audio/Visual Technicians	John Bologni/Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft, Sierra Ronning

