



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Mouvements Perpétuels 1. Assez modéré

Francis Poulenc

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Christopher Dennis, liturgist

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful.

Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

STUTTGART

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent, calls us to name our failings and our hopes.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy and creator God, who commands life and calls it forth, who comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are not always able to discern or do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from your call. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets and show us your way. Hear now our silent individual confession.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who made you and knows your every thought, hears you now and forgives all that diminishes life in you. You have been reconciled and forgiven through Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dona Nobis Pacem
Handbell Choir

Arr. Larry Sue

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4: 18-22

SERMON

Christ's Call

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

SOLO

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Martin E. Leckebusch

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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.

We Are Sent in God's Name

HYMN

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free,
make plowshares out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God
who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

CHARGE & BLESSING

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Worship Leadership Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Christopher Dennis, Liturgist John Holter, piano
Handbell Choir Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair
Ron Skinner, audio & video