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**Sunday, January 19, 2025**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

When We Are Living

arr. Bert Carlson

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and the earth was formless and empty; then God said, "Let there be light."  
**God's voice is over the waters. God's peace reigns over us.**

Through Isaiah's word, the mighty prophet of Israel, the Lord has said: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.  
**God's voice is over the waters. God's peace reigns over us.**

Fear not, says the Lord: Only believe. I am with you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.  
**God's voice is over the waters. God's peace reigns over us.**

Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world, born from heaven itself, was baptized by John amongst sinners like us. When he came out of the water, the heavens were torn open and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son; with him I am very pleased."  
**God's voice is over the waters. God's peace reigns over us.**

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth. May His peace and justice reign in our own time. Swiftly and soon. For His is the wisdom and power and glory. **Amen.**

### **Gospel Praise**

Only A Look  
Gospel Choir

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of life, there are days when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down, when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening, when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits so that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory. Amen.**

### **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

God's love called you into existence,  
and fixed you forever in God's grace.  
Know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*



**follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.**

**We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

**Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

**Jesus Is Lord.**

**To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn GTG #370**

**This Is My Father's World  
vv. 1,2,1**

**Call to Offering**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Organ Offertory**

Meditation on 'St. Anne'

Charles Callahan

**\*Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**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 GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #471** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Paul Manz

*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.*

**Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

The Rev. Leslie Mott, Marilyn Ngundam-Mokum, Liturgists

Deven Humphreys, Brice Morden, Acolytes

# This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

## 471 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me.  
Psalm 5:8

Verses 1-3

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me  
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
near; When my life is al - most gone,  
near, And the day is past and gone;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I  
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
hand; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.



Verse 4

4. Pre - cious Lord, I love Your name, When I look

back from whence I came; Some-times stumb-ling, some-times

fall - ing, some-times a - lone. Friends and

loved ones I love so dear, Man-y are gone, but still I'm

here; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, and lead me on.