

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" # 104

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering** "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 464

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power, crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! The hosts of evil round me scorn thy Christ, as sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lies that we may be strengthened with all Christ like graces pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18) Roy McLellan

L: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

C: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

L: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

C: Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

L: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

L: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

ALL: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text "John 1: 35-51" (NRSV)
Message "The Call" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings Roy McLellan

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation Roy McLellan

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

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" # 452

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear by light to them? Who shall I send? **CHORUS**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain, I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts of love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **CHORUS**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send. **CHORUS**

CHORUS: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart

*Benediction Rev Schwartz

Postlude "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" # 344

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

John 1: 35-51 (NRSV)

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.