

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude "Break Thou the Bread of Life" # 321

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Gathering** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 586

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and see me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am-Nancy Kline / 10:30am Raymond McLanahan
Psalm 19 (see bulletin insert) # 731

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message

The Text *Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10* (NRSV)

Message "These are Words from the Lord" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am-Nancy Kline / 10:30am Raymond McLanahan

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 8:30am-Nancy Kline / 10:30am Raymond McLanahan

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*

Communion Hymn: "Holy Wisdom" # 258

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" # 323

1. **Sing, them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;**

REFRAIN: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life, beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2. **Christ, the blessed one, gives to all, wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life. All so freely given, wooing us to heaven;**

REFRAIN:

3. **Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life. Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever;**

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*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 2

January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NRSV)

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, January 23, 2022 ☩ 8:30 & 10:30a.m.
Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.