

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are many, and we have many gifts.

PEOPLE: **We are one, the Body of the LORD!**

LEADER: Our God is Three, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

PEOPLE: **Our God is One, above all, the Holy of Holies.**

LEADER: We bring our many gifts, yet we are the Body of Christ in the World.

PEOPLE: **No gift is better than another, all are the Image of Our God, Three and one.**

LEADER: So let us the worship the one who gave us such diversity!

PEOPLE: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

*** OPENING HYMN** Blessed Be Your Name

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, hear now the confessions of your people. We are a sinful people, given to gossip and bickering. We often fail to carry out the actions you would have us do in the world, and all too often do the things that we should not. We envy the gifts of others, and so neglect the special talents you've given to us. Forgive us, LORD, and hear us as we confess silently before you.

(Moment of Silent Confession.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ.

"The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you". **And also, with you.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN What are YOU good at?

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same

care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON - Many Members, Many Gifts

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting, Amen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

The Salvation of Jesus Christ is not a thing that can be earned, and Jesus did not die on the cross for our money. We cannot purchase a thing that has been freely given, and any power of purchase we had would not be enough. We do not give in order to earn God's love, but rather, in thankfulness for all we have been given, we ALSO give, as an act of worshipful mimicking of all that God has given us. Come, let us worship the LORD with our Giving.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, take now our gifts and bless them, making them holy, multiplying them so that when they go out into the world they can do great things, to serve those in need, to spread your word, and to share your light with a world lost in darkness. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts/Debtors*)

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** #356 Presbyterian Hymnal

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING** #432 Presbyterian Hymnal

Song of Hope

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE POSTLUDE**