



# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "God So Loved The World"

arr. James Koerts

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

**All: For you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.**

Liturgist: Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning – will be fuel for the fire.

**All: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Liturgist: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

**All: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.**

Liturgist: The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this. Let us worship the Lord.  
*Isaiah 9:2-7 adapted*

\* **All Singing:** **496 “Uyai mose/Come, All You People”**  
*Choir singing first verse in Shona, all singing verses 1 – 3*

\* GOD’S GREETING

\* GOD’S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** **269 “All Are Welcome”**  
*Singing verses 1 – 3 and 5*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

**All:** **the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”**

Liturgist: From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

Choir: “In the Shadow of Your Wings” Leavitt

Gracious God be merciful, O my God be merciful.  
My soul is crying out for you. My only refuge Lord is you, God most high.  
In the shadow of your wings, 'neath the shadow of your wings,  
My soul finds rest from my deep distress.  
My heart hides there 'till this darkness passes by.  
I cry to God on high whose purpose is fulfilled for me.  
He reaches down to save and reproaches him who threatens me.  
Gracious God be merciful, O my God be merciful.  
My soul finds love and truth in you. No other place of safety Lord but you.  
In the shadow of your wings I hide, O my God most high.

*Based on Psalm 57*

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** **God is faithful, who has called us into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
*1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

\* **All Singing:** **682 “Before the Throne of God Above”**

Liturgist: Ephesians 4:1-6

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All Singing: 749 “Spirit of the Living God”**

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10-18

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Mending Nets

\* **All Singing: 256 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund

2. Missionary – Shelley Hernandez

Choir: “Hine mah tov”

Robert S. Pollack

*Hine ma tov umanayim  
Shevet achim gam yachad (Psalm 133:1)*

“Unity”

Moone/Washington

Behold how good and pleasant it is  
for brethren to dwell together in unity.  
Lord we pray for unity. *(Psalm 131:1)*

\* **All Singing: 959 “Glory Be to the Father”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: “Be of One Mind”**

**Finally all of you be of one mind  
Humble and loving and tender and kind (2x)**

**Do not repay (Do not repay)  
Evil for Evil (Evil for Evil)  
Do not repay (Do not repay)  
Insult for Insult (Insult for Insult)**

**Return instead a blessing  
for you were born to bless  
Inherit the promise of Christ**

Postlude: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

arr. Phillip Keveren

**Worship Leaders**

Pianist / Accompanist: Anna Triezenberg-Sims  
Flutist: Lynn Hollender  
Violinist / Vocalist: Bethany Keeley-Jonker  
Choir Director: David Baar  
Guitar / Percussion: Clay Carlson  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Rosie Riley  
Liturgist: Emily C. Hillegonds  
Prayer: Luke Vant Land

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