

January 22, 2023 | 10:30 A.M. Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Prelude on the Hymn Tune *Galilee* "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult"

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

stand, as able

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 6:1-3)

One: God created of one genesis all the peoples of the world, and wills that we live together in peace.

All: We are made to be one great family.

One: Yet there is strife in this family; injustice abounds, inequalities grow, resentments fester, lies flourish, and selfishness is encouraged. We are a divided family.

All: We are called to let justice roll down like waters, righteousness like a roaring stream.

One: It is up to us to build and re-build the aqueducts, to bridge the divisions, to ensure the flow of fairness to all.

All: We must be determined to change what we can, renewed by God's power, always surprised by the power of love.

One: Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

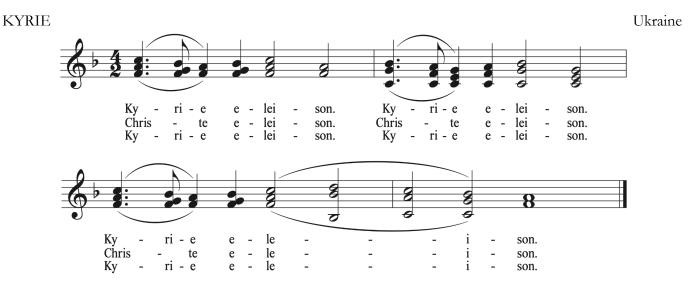
all are seated

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Matthew 7:5)

One: We remember the saying of Jesus, "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye." Let us confess our logs and splinters together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Eternal and in-dwelling Lord, we tire too easily in the tasks of reformation, in our own lives and in our world. We are cynical about our capacities for change, and more cynical about the capacities of others. We take others for granted, and take structures for granted, accepting moral inertia as honored tradition. We resent new insights and those who bring them, we resent our need for others, and yet expect them to understand us, as only you can. Give us inner conflict with our complicity in systems of suffering, and then give us the power of your Spirit to break with those sinews of sin. O Lord, hear our prayer.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The cross reveals the love of enemies that suffers even for them. Our forgiveness is part of the power of that great love that was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. In the name of that Suffering Servant who lifts up the burden of sin, and who was himself lifted up, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored.

stand, as able

RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS 563 stanza 1

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing

Till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise

Sing a song full of the faith

That the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope

That the present has brought us,

High as the listening skies, Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Let us march on till victory is won.

all are seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Great God, let us read your scripture in your light, and in your light reflected in the lives of the saints and martyrs who lived and spoke your Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-4

Liturgist

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ain'-a That Good News!

Spiritual arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, Ain-a that good news!

I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', Goin'-a shoulder up-uh my cross, Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain'-a that good news!

I got a Savior in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news! I got a harp up in-a the Kingdom, Ain'-a that good news!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Rev. David Harris

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Universal Christ

Rev. David Harris

stand, as able

HYMN OF RESPONSE 319

Spirit SPIRIT

Following the hymn, you may bring any prayer request cards to the front of the sanctuary, or signal an usher to assist you.

all are seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Purple Ribbon List (January 7-17)

18 Male Black

Jimmy Bailey	26	Male Black	We hang a purple ribbon on the Park Avenue side of our building to remind us
Aaron Dorsey	18	Male Black	
Ronnie Gibson	37	Male Black	Baltimore City. If you would like to join in putting up a ribbon after worship,
Kwantez Henson	23	Male	please signal an usher.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Joseph Kawa

All: 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.

OFFERTORY

If you wish to give online via our website, use <u>this link</u> or scan the QR code. If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send it to the church office.



AT THE OFFERTORY

Dear Lord, Creator, Good and Kind

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Dear Lord, Creator, good and kind, Forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard Beside the Syrian sea The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

~words by Whittier

stand, as able

DOXOLOGY 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One:

Written by Phil Adams

Almighty and Empowering God, the scriptures remind us that guided by your spirit, nations are restored, miracles are performed, and hearts are softened by folks no more or less qualified than we are. Armed with this knowledge may we heed your call to recognize Christ in our neighbor, see their plight, respond to their needs, and be an example of the Kingdom of God born through your great love. Therefore, we ask that you bless these offerings brought with heartfelt gratitude and sanctify our offerings of service. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF SENDING 371

Lift High The Cross

CRUCIFER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann (1931-2022)

It is the custom of this congregation to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude. Those wishing to exit may do so.

Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship! Please join us for fellowship in Reid Chapel.

GUEST PREACHER: REV. DAVID HARRIS

David has been honorably retired since June 2016. His last position was as Acting Head of Staff Harundale Presbyterian Church from June to August 2017. Before that he was interim pastor at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church for 2 ½ years. He is a 1971 graduate of Louisville Seminary and ordained that same year. He has served in a variety of capacities in the Presbyterian Church, from consulting, to chairing committees, to guest preaching. We thank him for joining us this morning.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. David Harris, Guest Preacher Jason Kissel, Minister of Music & Arts/Organist Audrey Suhr and Nusrat David, *ushers*Mike Johnson, *liturgist*

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Clarence Baney	Lorren Hayman	Laura Oldham	Ben Riniker	Betty Schroll
Anne Culbertson	Don Juedes	Meredith Piplani	Steve Roach	Sandra Smith
Jake Elfner	Kirk McAuliffe	Jacob Plaisted	Doug Savin	Randy Veale
Zhenya Gnezdilova	John McLucas	Lauren Redditt	Marianne Shick	Rachel Walsh
Jim Harvey	Alex Mendelsohn	Daveen Rim	Jan Trammell-Savin	

FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Jason Kissel, DMA, Minister of Music & Arts/Organist

George Meagher, Sexton

Anna Pollitt, Office Administrator

Aaron Houston, Audio Engineer

Deborah McCrimmon, Director of Christian Arts & Education

SESSION DEACONS

CLASS OF 2022 CLASS OF 2023 CLASS OF 2024 CLASS OF 2022 CLASS OF 2023 CLASS OF 2024
Sarah Lloyd Joan Gordon Paul Fowler Nusrat David Marla Holt Anne Culbertson
Dave Pierson Becca Hollaway Alex Mendelsohn Muddassar Iqbal Randolph Veale Michael Johnson
Marianne Shick John McLucas Allie Pyan

CALENDAR

Current as of January 18

1/22	Sun	Guest Preacher: Rev. David Harris	10:30am
1/26	Thu	Session Meeting	6:30pm
1/29	Sun	Guest Preacher: Rev. Rhonda Cooper	10:30am
1/29	Sun	Purple Ribbon Remembrance	12:00pm
2/5	Sun	Guest Preacher: Rev. Dottie LaPenta	10:30am
2/5	Sun	Annual Congregational Meeting	11:30am
2/7	Tue	Egenton~Roberts Board Meeting	7:00pm