

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21st, 2024

*indicates please stand if you are able

Bolded passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Minister: Rev. Joyce Yanishewski

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

God our rock and our salvation.

We will not be shaken!

Trust in God at all times, O people.

We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.

Today, let us turn to God and accept the good news.

We will listen for Christ's call and follow him.

***Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God

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1. All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing:
sing praises, hallelujah!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
2. Wild rushing wind, unbounded, strong,
high clouds that sail in heaven along:
sing praises, hallelujah!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice,
kind lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
3. Deep flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright,
pierce now the dark with heat and light:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
brings forth your blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
5. Let everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take their part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
give God your burdens and your care:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
6. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the spirit, Three-in-One:
sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and mystery,
we confess your mercy can disturb us.
We sit in judgment on what we hear,
and cannot imagine offering forgiveness for dreadful actions.
We prefer to think that your judgment matches ours.
Forgive us for presuming we see as you see,
and understand all that you understand.
Have mercy upon us, O God,
when we give up on the power of mercy.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

We Listen for God's Word

*Hymn

God of Mercy, God of Grace

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1. God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine; fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.
3. Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live,
all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

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Children's Time

Sharing a Sign of Peace

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading(s)

❖ Psalm 62:5-12

- ⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
from whom comes my hope.
- ⁶ **God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honour;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
**pour out your heart before God;
who is our refuge.**
- ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
**in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.**
- ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.
- ¹¹ **One thing God has spoken;
two things have I heard:
that might belongs to God,**
- ¹² **and steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay to all
according to their deeds.**

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❖ Mark 1:14-20

- ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Who do you listen to and who do you follow?

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn**

We are One in the Spirit

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1. We are One in The Spirit, we are One in the Lord,
we are One in The Spirit, we are One in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our Love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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Invitation to the offering

Offering

Organist’s Gift of Music

Doxology

We give thee but thine own (v1)

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We give thee but thine own,
whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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Prayer of Dedication

Musician's Gift of Music

Cellist Mary Welby

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

We are Sent out as God's People

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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1. I'm gonna live so live so God can use
me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, my Lord anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so work so God can use
me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so pray so God can use
me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, my Lord anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so sing so God can use
me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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anywhere, Lord, my Lord anytime!

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Benediction

Postlude

