

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 2019

## THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"  
Benedetto Marcello/arr. Hal Hopson

### \* Call to Worship

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**All: God calls us to be builders as well.**

One: God calls us to build our lives:

**All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

One: God call us to build our faith:

**All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

One: God calls us to build our community:

**All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

### \* Opening Hymn #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

### Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy One, thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Call to Confession

One: Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

### \* Response #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

### \* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

### \* Hymn #487 "These Treasured Children" vs. #4

### Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

**All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

We have gathered before your Word. O God. We want to hear with understanding, so give us attentive ears. By the power of your Holy Spirit at work in the word read and proclaimed, make the word of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts acceptable to you, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Pew Bible – OT p.436

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

String Band Anthem "If We Are the Body"  
Mark Hall, arr. John Wasson, Charlie Sinclair

Second Reading Luke 4:14-21 Pew Bible – NT p.61

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Word of God" Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith Jesus Loves Me! Hymnal, pg. 188

\* Hymn #319 "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

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\* Please stand as you are able

**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

