

*Here I am  
Lord*

January 19, 2025  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green

January 19, 2025

11:00am Worship

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*People Get Ready*

Curtis Mayfield

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

**"Here I am!"**

Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

**"Here I am!"**

Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

**"Here I am!"**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and have looked the other way, passing by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive us and free us from selfishness, that we may hear your call and answer in faith and obedience. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (*Silent prayers of confession*)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

The God who has made us will never desert us.

**The God of creation is creating still, making us new.**

The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ  
**is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.**

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

(VERSE 1) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 43-51

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 3: 1-10

PROCLAMATION

*The Complications of Listening*

Rev. Tom Buchanan

\*HYMN 317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

MC KEE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation ... As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Matt Redman

\*DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN

"Walk In the Light"

George D. Elderkin

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, Come where the dew-drops  
of mercy are bright; Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus,  
the light of the world.**

\*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Lisa Buchanan

ADULT CHOIR

PRAISE BAND: Winnie Mburu, vocals; Nderitu Kiragu, vocals & guitar;  
Donny Whitehead, sax; Abby Horvath, drums