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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green

January 26, 2025

11:00am Worship

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

With great joy and thanksgiving, with eager hearts,

we come now to worship and offer ourselves to you, O Lord.

We press on to embrace your future as our own,

for in Christ Jesus, you have made us your own!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 394

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Loving God, we confess that we often lose faith in our journeying, and hope can seem so far away. So much of our life of discipleship can feel like aimless wandering, and we easily despair that we are going nowhere. Remind us that not all who wander are lost, and that just because we don't know our direction, doesn't mean that we don't have one. Help us to discern your loving guidance and trust you, that we may walk with you always. It is in the name of Jesus we pray. (*Silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

Listen, that you may live in the healing light of the Lord:

The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

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 580 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3: 4b-14

PROCLAMATION

Not All Who Wander Are Lost

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*Matthew Muir, Barbara Muir, Chaz Rooks, Haylee Nunn, Raquel Bartra,
Cheryl Gazlay & Lisa Buchanan*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH God creates and calls us; Jesus reconciles and redeems us; the Spirit energizes and empowers us for worship, love, and service. In response to God's love and forgiveness, we pledge to inspire each other to prayer, study, and stewardship; to cultivate an open, caring church where diverse gifts are discovered, respected, and employed; to minister faithfully to the poor, lonely, sick, and those in need; to reach out, sharing our faith, inviting and welcoming others into our fellowship; and to seek justice and healing in the church, community, and world. Amen.**

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

I'm Pressing On

Oatman, Jr./Moore

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

***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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