

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 21, 2018

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Misty Rowley

PRELUDE

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Organ

William G. Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Misty Rowley

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work. Come let us worship God!

(Adapted from the lectionary for 1/21/2018, Psalm 62: 1-5)

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“FAITH OF OUR FATHERS”

(Hymn #692)

(VERSE 1)

Faith of our fathers! living still

in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy
when e'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

(VERSE 2)

Faith of our fathers! we will strive
to win all nations unto thee,
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

(VERSE 3)

Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife:
and preach thee too, as love knows how,
by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

(Hymn #297)

(VERSE 1)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

(VERSE 2)

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing-
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

(REPEAT VERSE 1)

TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Confession

Patrick Striker

Come all you who are weary and burdened and learn from Jesus who sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us, as we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember *Your Ways*. But when we continued to sin against them, *Your Ways*, you were angry. *How then can we be saved?*

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be angry beyond measure, *Lord*; do not remember our sins forever. *Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.*

(Adapted from Isaiah 64:5-9)

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

Thanks be to God who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. For it is by God's grace you have been saved, through your faith in God—and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God—not by works, so we can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(Adapted from Romans 7:25, 1 John 1:9 and Ephesians 2:8-10)

SONG OF WORSHIP:

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE CONSECRATED”

(Hymn #568)

(VERSE 1)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love

(VERSE 2)

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

(VERSE 3)

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold, not a mite would I withhold.

(VERSE 4)

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only all for thee.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Patrick Striker

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Invitation to the Offering

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
In the company of the upright,
let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we
have received.

—based on Psalm 111:1

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill among all
peoples,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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*You may bring your offering and/or light a candle at the front or
back of the sanctuary.*

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory “Gavotte” (from “Mignon”) Organ
Ambroise Thomas

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 18:1–6 (NIV)

Misty Rowley

At the Potter’s House

¹ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
² “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you
my message.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I
saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping
from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed
it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵ Then
the word of the Lord came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do
with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord.
“Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand,
Israel.

Romans 9:21–24 (New Living Translation)

Misty Rowley

²¹ When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn’t he have a
right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for
decoration and another to throw garbage into? ²² In the
same way, even though God has the right to show his
anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom
his anger falls, who are destined for destruction. ²³ He does
this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on

those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory. ²⁴ And we are among those whom he selected, both from the Jews and from the Gentiles.

2 Corinthians 4:1–6 (NIV)

Joyce Miller

***The light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.***

¹ Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7–18 (NIV)

Tom Tiffany

Treasure in Jars of Clay

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

**Knowing who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead
will raise us with Jesus**

¹³ It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

**Look not to the things seen but to the things that are unseen
What is seen is temporary, what is unseen is eternal**

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

MESSAGE

Dr. Tom Tiffany

“Treasure in Jars of Clay”

Sermon Notes: A biblical scholar and archeologist joined a group traveling to Cyprus. There they visited the Cyprus National Museum in Nicosia, which houses a small but rich collection of artifacts. One display in particular jumped out at him—a clay pot lying on its side with a bunch of coins spilling out of its mouth. The description said it was a coin hoard found nearby dating from the first century C.E. The topic of coin hoards caught his interest, and he discovered that archaeologists and treasure hunters working in the Greco-Roman world have found thousands of such hoards. The size of these hoards ranged from fifty to fifty thousand coins. The coins were buried in clay jars for safe keeping, often in times of warfare or instability. The worldly equivalent to Treasures in Jars of Clay.

Jesus referred to such treasure (Matthew 13:44) and Paul was obviously aware of this practice when he referred to “Treasure in Jars of Clay” but referring to what is unseen not what the archeologists have seen. What did Paul mean when he referred to “having this treasure in Jars of clay? Do we know we have this treasure inside? How is “this all surpassing power of God” shown in us?

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD”

(Hymn #584)

(VERSE 1)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting yielded and still.

(VERSE 2)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

(VERSE 3)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power—all power—surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

(VERSE 4)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

BENEDICTION

Dr. Tom Tiffany

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne”

André Campra

Organ

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In the pulpit today: Ruling Elder Dr. Tom Tiffany has a PhD in Biochemistry and was board certified in Clinical Chemistry. He served in the healthcare clinical laboratory field for more than forty years. He is a long-time member of Knox Presbyterian Church receiving his church membership under Rev. Bill Tatum in 1963. Tom graduated from EWSC (now EWU) in 1965 and received his doctorate degree in biochemistry and biophysics at Oregon State University in 1969. He is a Ruling Elder and currently is President of the Deacons. He also served on the Committee (Commission) on Ministry for the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest and as chair in 2014. Tom has completed all requirements for Credentialed Ruling Elder (CRE). He has provided pulpit supply and worship leadership for several churches. He served two years as a Seminary Exam reader from the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest for PCUSA reading exams in Theology and Exegesis.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Mark 1:14–20

Psalm 62:5–12

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Question for Reflection

Psalm 62 ends by saying, “God, you repay to all according to their work.” Some of us may find that statement unsettling. Would you rather have God treat you with the payment you deserve or with the grace that you hope for in Jesus Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, no matter what I am facing today—
mourning or gladness, buying or selling—
help me to focus on you throughout it all.
Then bring me home safely to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, thank you for the assurance
that I live forgiven and loved by you.

I need your grace and
want to share your grace with others.

As I face this night, help me to pour out my heart to you
and then rest in peace. Amen.

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