



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE

Carl Braden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev Lynn Hargrove

INTROIT

“Come Worship God” (vs 2)

Taryn Hemsing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Lynn Hargrove

The Word of the Lord came,

hope for all people cradled in his arms.

the Word of the Lord comes,

calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.

The Word of the Lord will come,

gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.

HYMN NO. 269

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

Congregation

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev Lynn Hargrove

Now is the appointed time. Pour out your hearts to God, bringing those harmful words you spoke, the chances to help you turned your backs on, and the foolish choices of your lives. Offer them to the One who longs to hear us, trusting that God will forgive us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silently pray your personal prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev Lynn Hargrove

Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, and God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev Lynn Hargrove

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev Lynn Hargrove

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tyler Bosard and Sofia Martinez-Loera present their son, Tyler Nolan Finn, for baptism.

PRESENTATION

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

RENUNCIATIONS

PROFESSION OF FAITH -The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

BAPTISM

WELCOME

As a family of faith, we affirm the baptism of Tyler Nolan Finn Bosard, and we welcome him into the nurturing care of the body of Christ. Together we promise to support Tyler and Sofia in this holy commitment, to surround them with our prayers, and to strengthen them with the love of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev Lynn Hargrove

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (NRSV)

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³The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

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¹⁴Now 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.”

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

SERMON

“Repent and Believe”

Rev Lynn Hargrove

OFFERTORY

A brief video, *“About the Houston Food Bank”*

DOXOLOGY

Taryn Hemsing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Rev Lynn Hargrove

**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.

HYMN NO. 442

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Congregation

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev Lynn Hargrove

CLOSING RESPONSE

“Come! Live in the Light” (vs 2)

Congregation

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.**

We are called to act with justice;

we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another,

to walk humbly with God.

POSTLUDE

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