



# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

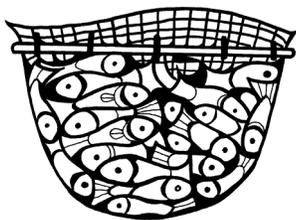
January 23, 2022

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## Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life. ~ *Faith Lutheran Church*

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## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Chaconne in G Minor*

CHARLES COUPERIN\*

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who creates us, redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

GREETING

P: Christ has called us to this place, gathered one and all by the Holy Spirit.

C: As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: Kyrie Eleison.

**C: Lord Have Mercy.**

P: Christe Eleison.

**C: Christ Have Mercy.**

P: Kyrie Eleison.

**C: Lord Have Mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,  
Birthing God, You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

JOHN D. HORMAN

DIANE MACHATKA, SOPRANO, WITH SHERYL SCHMELING, RECORDER

*God so loved the world that to us a son was giv'n.*

*And whosoever believes in him shall live forevermore.*

~ John 3:16

FIRST READING

Psalms 139:13-18

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>I try to count them — they are more than the sand;

I come to the end — I am still with you.

R: The Word of the Lord      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

R: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

## GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God

without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

<sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord      **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 729

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*  
(SING VERSES 1 & 5)

WAREHAM



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

P: Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer**

PEACE

P: Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with one another.*

OFFERING

P: Trusting in the sure promises of Christ,  
And grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power,  
Let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

*Chaconne in D Minor*

CHARLES COUPERIN\*

OFFERING HYMN

*O Friends, in Gladness Let Us Sing*  
**O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.  
**C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...

**C: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table for all is ready.

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forever, Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
+ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN 323

*God Loved the World*  
(SING VERSES 1, 2, 4 & 5)

ROCKINGHAM OLD



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

### SENDING

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### SENDING RESPONSE

*God So Loved the World*  
*God so loved the world that to us a son was giv'n.*

JOHN D. HORMAN

## THE LONG WELCOME: Familiarity

What is it that induces a sense of comfort in worship? What makes you feel a gentle hum or rhythm in your soul? What feels “good” about worship? Many times the sense of familiarity is what draws us into a sense of comfort. This is at home, school, work, etc. We gravitate towards what is known and feels comfortable. Perhaps this is why many people have found themselves sitting in similar pews week to week or gravitate towards the same area to drink coffee or chat after church? Worshipping communities have liturgy and a layout, a cadence almost, to worship. Some of those things you don’t necessarily notice are there until they are different. Familiarity is good, and we shift up enough to prevent us from being complacent. We also make room to welcome and be hospitable to new people, ideas, or formats. It’s how we experience hearing the Word because sometimes we need to hear something in a different way for it to stick. Yet we hold enough familiarity to find comfort and presence with one another and with our spiritual practices.

Some have said that one thing they appreciate about worship and the church community is the sense of familiarity. There are memories from childhood or young adult years. There are rhythms and space to settle. The sense of familiarity can be interpreted in many ways. We find familiarity with people online and in person, in our worship practices, and in our outreach. Share with one another what you find familiar about worship, both when you come to worship at Faith (online or in person) or when you experience worship in another place. What about worship and the worship experience is familiar to you...in the past and in the present?

### ON ZOOM

*Links are on the Faith Website:  
[www.faithseattle.org](http://www.faithseattle.org)*

**Adult Education:**  
Mondays at 7:00p

**Young Adult Devotions:**  
Tuesdays at 7:00p

**Yoga: All Dec**  
Tuesdays at 9:45a  
Wednesdays at 5:30p

**Bible Study:**  
Wednesdays at 10:00a  
Led by Vicar Pam

**Ruth Circle:**  
The 3rd Thursday at Noon  
(Contact Donna Shy for link)

**Coffee Fellowship:**  
Fridays at 11:00a

### IN PERSON

**Office Hours with Pastor Shannyn**  
Wednesdays at Noon  
White tent by Narthex doors

**Women's Book Group:**  
The 3rd Tuesday at 7:15p  
Via Zoom and in Person (TBD)

**Scripture Passages for  
Bible Study February 2**  
Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11



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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** The *chaconnes* of **Charles Couperin** (1638 – 1679) can be played on most any keyboard instrument, but perhaps take on their truest and most convincing character when played on the harpsichord. As with some hymns, the listener first hears the refrain, which is then alternated with several verses.

Thanks to Diane Machatka for again singing the anthem and leading this morning’s hymns and service music, and thanks to Sheryl Schmeling for adding recorder to the anthem!