

Albany, New York January 14, 2024 Service of Worship 10:00 am

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Second Sunday After Epiphany



## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

(Let the notes of our Prelude be the musical curtain through which we pass as we gather to worship together. Let the preparation we make together be prayerful.)

## Prelude

#### Song for the New Year

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## **Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## **Prayer of Confession**

One: Let us now confess our sins, trusting in God's boundless mercy and grace. All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (Time of silence) Rob Roy Peery

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### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Amen.

Passing The Peace		Leah Threatte
Words of Welcome		Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff
Choir Anthem	"Soon We Will Be Done"	Kyle Pederson
	WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD	

### Prayer for Illumination

One: God of All Power, Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## Scripture

Matthew 8:18-20

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Sermon	"Sheltering in the Love of Christ"	Rashida Tyler	
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD			
Prayer Hymn #834	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	sung by Christopher Price	
Gathering Celebrations and Concerns			
Prayers of the People		Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff	
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.			



Hymn #607

Charge to the Congregation

Doxology

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn #339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

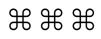
Benediction

Rashida Tyler

Leah Threatte

Postlude

Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique (Op. 25) Leon Boellman



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262 State Street (Mail to: 85 Chestnut Street) Albany, New York 12210 Office: (518) 436-8544 Email: <u>office@wpcalbany.org</u> website: <u>https://wpcalbany.org</u> GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt. MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011 *Text and Music* © *1981, 2000 OCP*  LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

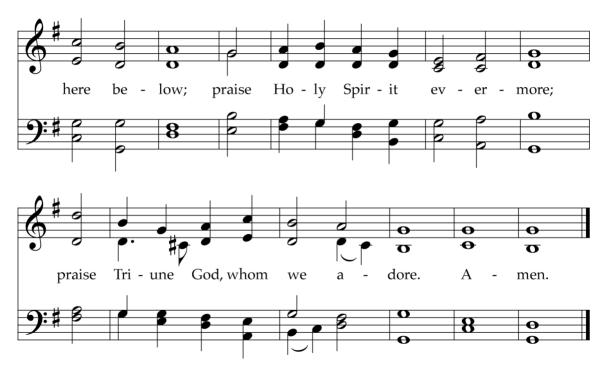


This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.





SERVICE MUSIC





Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

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