



Reach One More For Jesus!
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24, 2021

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Walford/Bradbury Thelma Downey

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious God, You have called us to be Your faithful witnesses. We struggle with this because so often we are caught up in our doubts and our despair about this world. Help us to turn again to You, living in Your household of freedom and peace of reconciliation and witness. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WELCOME Denise Cosgrove

CALL TO WORSHIP Denise Cosgrove

L: The God of all creation calls us.

P: We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.

L: Power and steadfast love belong to God.

P: We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of this mighty, loving God. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" vs. 1 & 3 Hymnal Page #454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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READINGS Denise Cosgrove

Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "STRAINING FORWARD" Pastor Tom

1. Realize That My Time Is A Precious Commodity.

2. Learn From The Past And Move On.

3. Establish A Priority In My Life.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Denise Cosgrove

Lord of grace and forgiveness, You, Who gave everything, and spared nothing to make us Your own, we offer back to You what You have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to You, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in Whose Name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1 & 2

Hymnal Page #577

1. God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller/Jackson

Thelma Downey