



Reach One More For Jesus!
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17, 2021

PRELUDE "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Martin/Gabriel Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

As I prepare my heart for worship today, I pray like young Samuel: "Speak,
for Your servant is listening."

WELCOME Marilyn Casey

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Here we are, Lord!

P: You have seen us and known us from before the beginning.

L: Here we are, Lord!

P: Jesus, You have called us to this place.

L: Here we are, Lord!

P: Gracious Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with courage and joy. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" vs. 1 & 3 Hymnal Page #128

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

OPENING PRAYER Marilyn Casey

Loving God, You know us better than we know ourselves. Our prayers are in Your heart even before they are on our lips. And yet we must utter our prayers. We must proclaim our praise of You and all Your wondrous creation. Your love surrounds us and You have promised to be with us always. You know our hearts' desire to serve You. We pray that You will keep us true to that desire. And so we utter our prayer, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

READINGS Marilyn Casey

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “MAKE MY LIFE COUNT!”

Pastor Tom

- 1. I KEEP ON LOVING.**
- 2. I WAKE UP FROM SLEEP.**
- 3. I DRESS FOR LIVING.**

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

Marilyn Casey

Holy God, like the first disciples, we have heard the call to follow Jesus! Yet too often, we have failed to introduce Him to others, not willing to take the risks that go with true discipleship. As we bring our tithes and offerings to You this day, make us bold in following. May we give more readily, love more deeply, show mercy and compassion more extravagantly, and seek justice for others courageously. Help us to walk in the steps of the One we follow. In Christ’s Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” vs. 1 & 5

Hymnal Page #371

1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

5. When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Anon

Thelma Downey