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Third Sunday  
after the Epiphany



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**WELCOME**



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**Prelude** *All glory be to God on high* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Introit** *We are your people, Spirit of Grace*  
Brian Wren

**Welcome**

**Call to worship**

**GWA 42** God welcomes all

Opening responses, alternate verses

**Psalm 27 1, 4-9**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:**

**to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,**

**and I will offer in his tent**

**sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”**

**Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

**CH4 22** *The Lord's my light and saving health*

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

**Collect (said by all)**

**God of all people  
you sent your Son  
into the shrouded world  
into the borderlands;  
may his dawning light  
give hope to the broken,  
the persecuted,  
the alien and the excluded,  
that we might feel the kingdom drawing near  
and turn to follow him;  
through Jesus Christ, the morning star.  
Amen.**

**Old Testament *Isaiah 9, 1-4***

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation;<sup>[c]</sup>

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**All-age quiz: Burns or The Bible?**

**All-age song Build up one another**

Every word you say, (wo-oh)

Every game you play, (wo-oh)

Every silly face, (wo-oh)

Every single place, (wo-oh)

You can build up,

Or you can tear down.

Build up one another,

Build up your sisters and brothers,

Build up one another,

Build up!

Every joke you tell, (wo-oh)

Every name you spell, (wo-oh)

Everywhere you go, (wo-oh)  
Everyone you know, (wo-oh)  
You can build up,  
Or you can tear down

Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another,  
Build up!

Every song you sing, (wo-oh)  
Every bell you ring, (wo-oh)  
Every thing you spend, (wo-oh)  
Every special friend, (wo-oh)  
You can build up,  
Or you can tear down.

Build up one another,  
Build up your sisters and brothers,  
Build up one another,  
Build up!

### **Gospel** *Luke 4 12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their

father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

#### **CH4 509** *When Jesus saw the fishermen*

#### **Sermon**

**Offering music** *Dearest Jesus, we are here to listen to you and your word* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### **Doxology**

#### **Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession**

**GWA 82** *Here and now we're bound together*

1 Here and now we're bound together:

held in one divine embrace.

Help us see, in one another,  
difference as a gift of grace.

As each passing generation  
worships you in fresh new ways,  
join our songs with all creation,  
lift our voice to sing your praise.

2 Lord, affirm our shared vocation:

may we bring your plans to birth,  
build your church on sure foundations,  
fit to serve a troubled earth.

Growing, praying, sharing, learning,  
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,  
love-revealing, truth-discerning,  
living out the gospel hope.

3 In your work of transformation

you are making all things new.

Stir our hearts' imagination,  
call us now to work with you.

Send us out to share your mission;  
show us each our part to play.  
as we live the Great Commission,  
joyful in your world today.

#### **Benediction and threefold Amen**

**Postlude** *In Dulci Jubilo* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Worship leader* Scott McCarthy

*Welcoming elder* Christine Buhler

*Ushers* Lucy Akomea

*Readers* Nan Braunschweiger Rosaleen Walker

*Organ* Rebecca Dirks MacDonald

*Sunday School* Cornis Van

*Coffee* Rosaleen and Robert Walker

**February to May.** *Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living*

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The programme provides opportunities to :

- reflect on our understanding of God and self
- become aware of the many ways God communicates with us
- try different methods of prayer as tools for engaging in conversation with God
- develop a personal spirituality that integrates prayer into daily life.

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