



**January 15, 2023**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**Leading Worship Today:**

**Pastor:** Brian Entz

**Lay Leader:** Chuck Klaassen

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text  
All are invited to stand when there is an \**

**Larger Print Hymns:** Please see an usher if you would like a copy of larger print hymns.

**Children's Bulletins:** Please see an usher if you are interested in a children's bulletin.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*-Book of Common Prayer (1549)*

GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Should I fear anyone?**

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

**Should I be frightened of anything?**

Because God will shelter me in God's own dwelling  
during troubling times;

**God will hide me in a secret place in God's own tent;**

**God will set me up high, safe on a rock.**

I have sure faith

that I will experience the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living!

**Hope in the Lord!**

Be strong! Let your heart take courage!

**Hope in the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

#156 Sing of God Made Manifest

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save us from sin. Trusting in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sins.

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You made us in your likeness and image, but we don't always reflect your abundant love.**

**You call us to live in the way of Jesus, but too often we get distracted and preoccupied with ways of life other than Christ's. You charge us to point others towards Jesus, but too often we point people away from him through either intention or impact.**

**By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light, and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Trust the good news and give thanks, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

**Alleluia, Amen!**

\*RESPONSE

*The Gloria Patri #581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen. Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Call to us anew, O God, through your Word and by your Spirit, that we might follow you in new and renewed ways. In the name of the one who invites us to come and see, Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:1-7 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength —  
<sup>6</sup> he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up, princes,  
and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

## #451 Open My Eyes That I May See

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42 (NRSV)

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## OFFERTORY

*“Let us present ourselves to God as those  
who have been delivered from death to life”.  
To give online, please scan the QR code.*



## \*DOXOLOGY

## #606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar

## **We believe**

- **that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;**
- **that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;**
- **that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;**
- **that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of all compassion, hear now our prayers for the world you created and love.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for the Presbyterian Church USA, for the churches of Buffalo, and for this congregation. Continue your sanctifying work in us, by the power of your Spirit, and lead us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to those in need.

We pray for our country and its leaders; may they govern with justice, wisdom, humility, and peace.

We pray for the world; especially for Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, Yemen, and all areas in the midst of war, disaster, and distress.

We pray for your good creation; for all areas experiencing extremes of nature. Bring rain, warmth, cold, sun, and shade to all places in need of their nourishment.

We pray for those who are in need of your healing mercies. We pray especially for...

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, for those with no place to call home, for those with no community of support and companionship. Meet their needs O God of provision, and where possible enable us to give of our bounty for their sake.

We pray for those in grief, may they find comfort in the promise that in Jesus death has lost its sting. We especially pray for...

We pray for those suffering from stress, anxiety, and loneliness; may they find relief in the loving presence of your Spirit.

We pray for all those who are spiritually hungry, for those who feel far from you, for those who seek your presence. Make yourself known to them, that they may come and see.

We pray for all people and situations that have gone unnamed; those held close in the quiet of our hearts and those known only to you...

We pray that you would deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to you and the reign of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Holy One our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people and use us where possible to be the answer to people's prayers.

In your great mercy, look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious, O lover of souls.

To you we give glory, O blessed Trinity, now and forever.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

## SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

**#757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is from Psalm 27.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

## MUSIC LICENSES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Classes, Coffee, and Conversations:** Today's CCC topic is ***Mission***. Next week, join us as Pastor Brian will be sharing about the ***Gospel of Matthew***.

**Lent Soup Suppers are around the corner:** The Faith Formation Committee is looking for some volunteers to help lead the intergenerational program during our Lenten Soup Suppers. We have a base curriculum ready for each week that we will provide, along with any supplies needed. No volunteer would be leading by themselves. The Soup Suppers will be Wednesday evenings in March from 6-7:30pm. Please let Pastor Brian, Cindy Doth, or Liz Klaassen know if you would like to volunteer by Sunday January 22nd or if you have more questions.

**12th Annual Mason's Food Shelf Matching Fund Drive:** Once again, the Nelson Masonic Lodge #135 will be matching all monetary donations made to the Buffalo Food Shelf through the end of February, up to \$10,000. Donations can be dropped off at the Old National Bank or mailed to *Old National Bank, Attn: Masons Food Shelf Drive, 910 Commercial Drive, Buffalo, MN 55313*. Make your check payable to **Masonic Lodge 135** and write "Buffalo Food Shelf" in the memo line to ensure it is deposited to the correct account. Food insecurity remains high in our area and this is a marvelous way to make our giving stretch and ensure continued assistance to those in need. No donation is too small. Every dollar counts! Any questions please contact Joan Lowe, [joanhlowe@msn.com](mailto:joanhlowe@msn.com).

**Support Buffalo High School Drumline:** The Buffalo High School Drumline is collecting new and gently used adult and children's shoes to help raise funds to offset costs for their upcoming 2023 season. The drumline is open to children in grades 8-12 and last year the team took 1st place at all of their competitions. They hope to make this year's performance even better and thank you in advance for your support.

**SPOT: Spiritual Practices of Today:** Join us at 10 am Saturday January 21st at the church for our monthly SPOT (Spiritual Practices Of Today) gathering. We'll be exploring the practice of making and following a Rule of Life. Following the traditions of monastic communities many contemporary Christians have begun crafting a Rule, a type of ordered pattern or model, for how they will live the Christian life day to day. Join us as we learn to craft our own rules for living our Christian faith.

**Service for Healing and Wholeness:** Having a difficult winter or holiday season? Come seek the healing and wholeness that God can offer. Our Service for Healing and Wholeness will be Sunday January 22, at 4pm.

**Annual Meeting and Potluck:** The Annual Meeting and Potluck will be on January 29th following worship. Please bring a dish to share.

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**How can we pray for you?** Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



**BPC Prayer List:**

The Family of Sharon Bishop

Brittany Daniels

Arv and Pam Klemz

Janell and Phil Riley

Nathaniel Synstelien

Ellen Sibert, Lanny & Shirley Taylor's nephew's wife

John and Charlotte Collins

Janice Sorby

Sharon, Lavina & Larry Pattee's daughter

Mark Lawlor

Julie Bernard, Charlie Wilken's daughter

Tyler, a friend of Mandy's dealing with post surgery complications

Judy McKee (Lavina's sister-in-law) and family following the death of Bernie (Lavina's brother)

For peace in Ukraine and around the world.

For those with dementia or alzheimers and their caregivers.

For those with COVID 19 and their caregivers.

For all nurses, doctors, and healthcare professionals.

For neighboring congregations in the midst of transition.

For the people and communities in eastern Kentucky, Virginia, and Pakistan following severe flooding.

For the people of Puerto Rico following flooding, power outages, and other hurricane damage.

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## Sing of God Made Manifest 156

1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest  
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

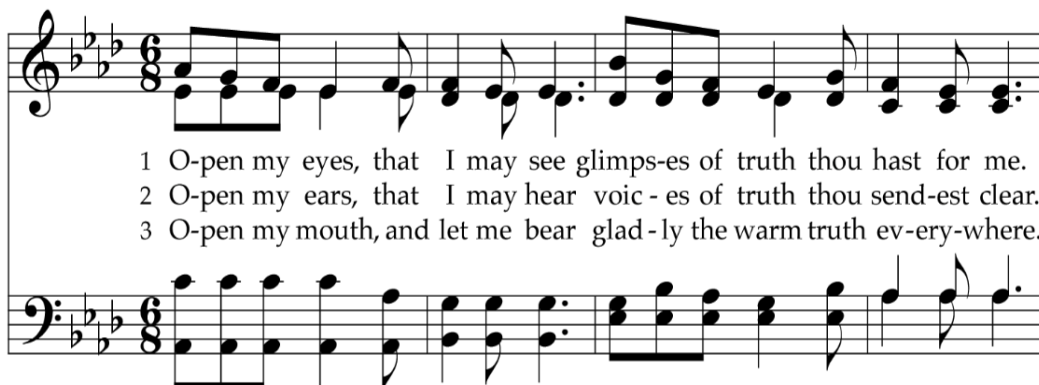
to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

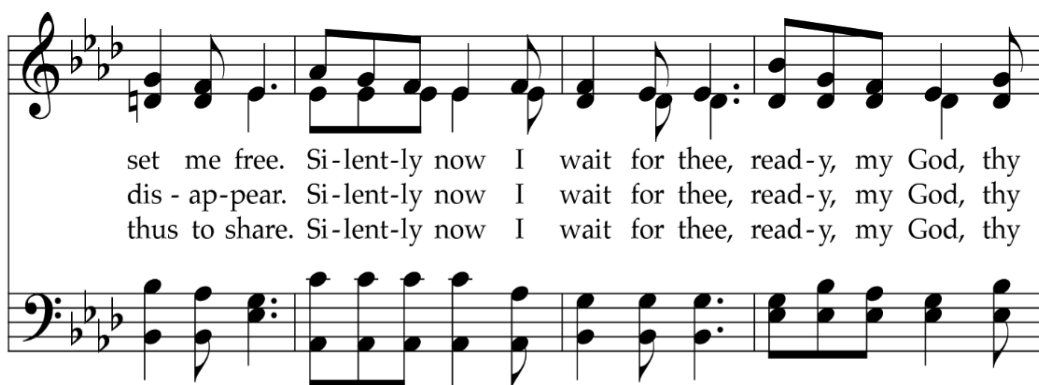
# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.