

**The Order
Of
Divine Worship**

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 8, 2012

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE (Please register your attendance.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE HYMN "Maker, in Whom We Live" No. 88

* THE ACT OF PRAISE

Men and women, old and young, together:
Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

Praise God in the highest heavens.

Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.

God commanded, and we were created.

God sustains us and enables us to grow.

Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness.

Glorify God's name and join the loving community.

Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved.

We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

Let us draw close to God and to one another.

Let us join with all creation to worship God.

Let us be seated for prayer

OPENING PRAYER

All-knowing God, whose favor rested on Jesus of Nazareth and whose love is poured out for all of human kind, inspire us here to ask questions, to pursue understanding, and to share our faith. May we grow in wisdom, respond to your blessing, and reach out to minister to and with your children—our brothers and sisters. Send the peace of Christ to rule among us, uniting our hearts in thankfulness and praise. Amen

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

ANTHEM "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Chancel Choir

GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE REFRAIN "Jesus, We Are Here" No. 2273 (FWS)

+ Personal prayers

+ Prayers for others

+ 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 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 forever. Amen.**

THE REFRAIN "Surely the Presence of the Lord" No. 328

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting
"The Power of Purpose"

THE HYMN "Seek Ye First" No. 405

THE PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* THE DOXOLOGY No. 94 (UMH)

* THE HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430

* THE BENEDICTION

SERVING THE LORD

Liturgist: Judy Gorthy
Ushers: Leonard McJames, Earl Crawford
Ron Vandenberg, Don Decker
Greeters: Sandy Houtman, Sue Dexter
Counters: Bob & Sharon Raymond, Curt & Beth Moe
Trustee for Jan.: Gary Boots (back-up Leonard McJames)
Sunday School Teachers: Ruth Sutton
Nursery volunteer Jan. 8: Sue Dexter
Snow Removal Jan. 9-15: Gary Boots

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 12 Lois McJames
Jan. 12 Sindy Spangler
Jan. 12 Bruce Milligan
Jan. 13 Carol McCallum



*Altar
Flowers*

*Altar flowers are given by
Bruce & Ruth Ann
In Memory or their parents
Jim & Dorothy, Elton & June*

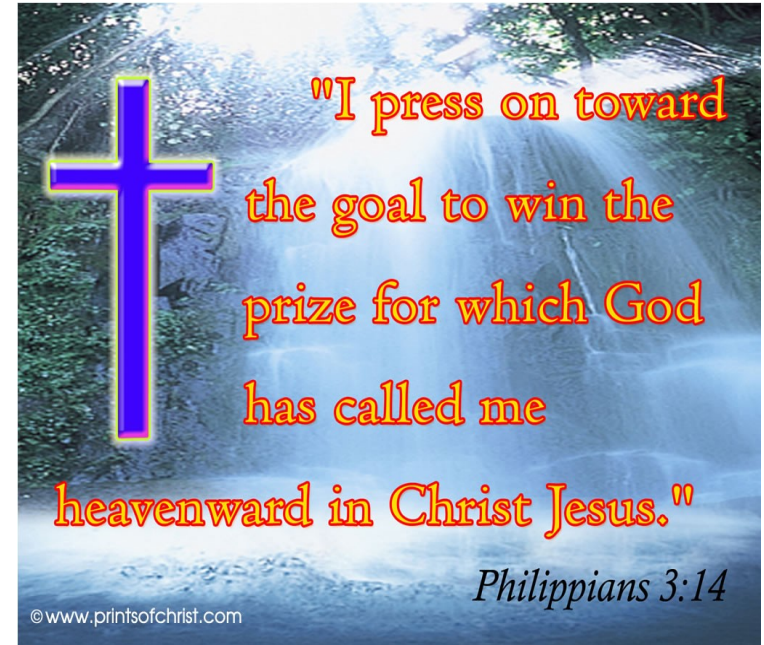
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The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
4. 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."
5. 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—
6. 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."
7. 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."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE
