

Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 25, 2015

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"The Love of God"

L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Bless the Lord"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 107)

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

**Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
And praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"How Great Thou Art"

(see insert)

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty God, you are our Lord and King. Forgive us for those times when we follow others instead of you. Forgive us also when we forget your kingship and feel we have to deal with everything on our own. Fill us with your Spirit, Gracious God, so that we may live now and forever as citizens of your kingdom. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 103:8-13

LAW OF GOD

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

God is so good, God is so good. God is so good. O so good to me.

He saved my soul. [3x] God's so good to me.

I'll praise His name. [3x] God's so good to me.

*O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, yes He is good. [repeat]
For He is worthy, worthy, for He is good, yes he is good, [repeat]*

RESPONSIVE READING #28 Psalm 118 (Page 498 Hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI** *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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"It Took A Miracle"* Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **I John 4:7-12** (Page 188 New Testament)

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #106** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

SERMON **"God Is Love"**

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"O, What He's Done For Me"* Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #303** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE** *"Amen"*

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Ushers: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: The Shafers

Next week's stewards (**February 1**):

Greeters: Matt & Ruth DenDulk

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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