

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Online Worship Service – January 24, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
 Year B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

**adapted from 1 Corinthians 7:31 & Psalm 62:8*

Lord, the present is passing away into your future. Therefore, help us to turn our hearts to you; for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Through our worship may we learn to trust in you as we pour out our heart before you. Lord be our refuge. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:7-8, 11-12

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.
 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
Power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation
 Glory to God Hymnal, #463

Confession*

Mark 1:15

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

Lord, we confess we both ask earthly kingdoms to carry the weight of our eternal hopes, and at the same time we forget our prayers that your kingdom would come on earth, even as it is in heaven.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin. Through your Spirit, make of us something new in Christ.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

Mark 1:15

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God**
 May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Scripture	Mark 1:14-20
Sermon	<i>Good News! (Now What?)</i>
Hymn	<i>From the Nets of Our Labors (We Will Rise Up and Follow) Glory to God Hymnal, #751</i>
Offering	Psalm 62:6

"God is my rock and my salvation, my fortress."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

Prayer of Dedication

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Merciful God, you have saved us for a purpose. We give these gifts even as we give our lives to you. Let these gifts cast the goodness of your kingdom far and wide, and make of us people who do the same.

Announcements

Prayers of the People

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God who holds the past, and who holds the present as it gives way to the future, we acknowledge how hard is to believe the good news that your kingdom has drawn near. We believe; help us in our unbelief.

We pray this morning for people highly placed in power, that they may focus their eyes on you. And we pray for the lowly victims of power, that you may provide a refuge.

For the change in political power in our nation this week, Lord we pray for former President Trump and Vice President Pence as they step down from power, and we pray for our new President Biden and Vice President Harris as they step into this new responsibility. And we celebrate the milestone of the first woman to hold such high office, and the first black woman, and first person of Indian descent. Lord may they and their administration, and all in Congress, and in local places of power, may they administer justly and restoratively in a nation filled with so much hurt.

And Lord, as our nation has reached a tragic milestone, surpassing 400,000 deaths from this pandemic, Lord we take a moment to just lift up and acknowledge before you the grief...

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Lord, this is a grief felt not just in our families, and local communities, or even our nation; but it is a grief felt across the world. Comfort families and friends of those who have died. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen those who offer care. Give wisdom to

public health officials tasked with the logistics of vaccine roll-outs. And help us all make decisions that embody love for neighbor.

Lord be with those mourning the death of loved ones...

Bring healing to those recovering from surgeries and sickness...

And for those separated from friends and family...

And now hear us as we offer prayers for all those on our hearts and in our minds...

We pray for the ministry of your church, Lord, and all its particular congregations around the world. For the ministry to which you call us here in this place, that we may be changed, ever turning toward you and your kingdom that has come near, even as we cast near and far this same good news of your kingdom-come-near.

Teach us to follow you. And through your Spirit at work in us, may we embody in our hands and feet this prayer that is so often on our lips, as we pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
Glory to God Hymnal, # 721

Charge and Benediction

Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; let us repent, and believe in the good news. And may Christ make of us those who would cast the goodness of his kingdom far and wide

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. Amen.