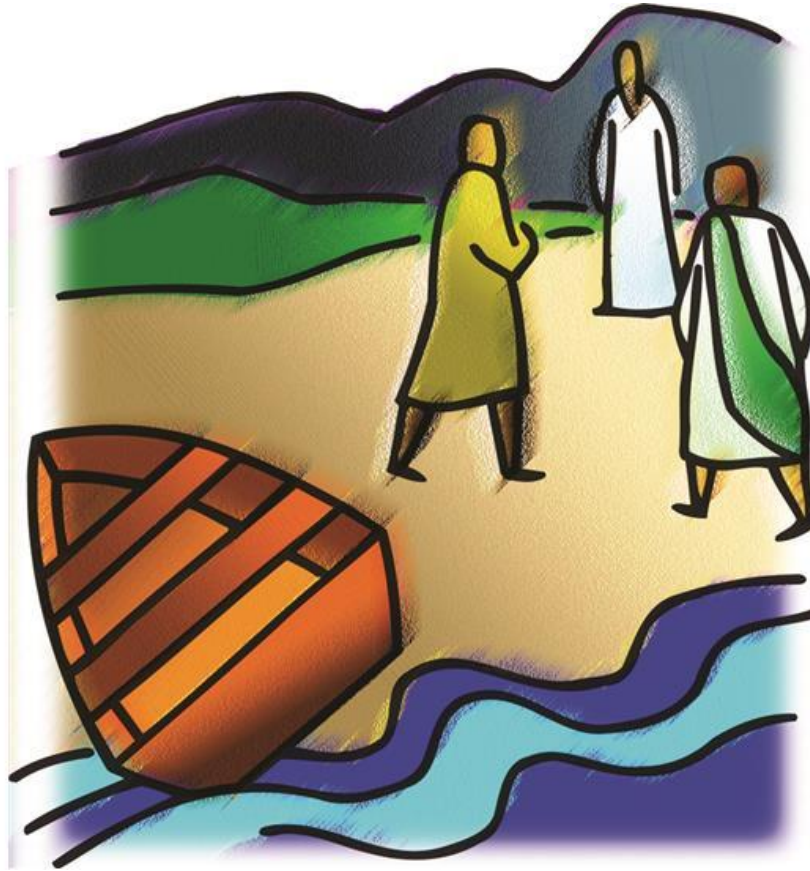


Epiphany 3B  
January 21, 2024  
Pastor Kim Swenson



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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GATHERING**

**Worship Volunteers**  
**Assisting Minister:** Kay Zastrow  
**Reader:** Michael Zastrow  
**Alter Guild:** Peggy Hansen  
**Communion Assistant:** Gayle Peot  
**Ushers:** Gayle & Jack Peot  
**Video Tech:** Yvonne Pamperin

**Tone Chimes**

*And, Can It Be  
O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

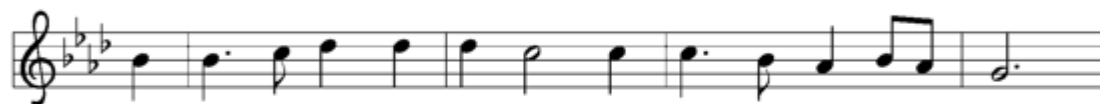
**Welcome**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
 creator of darkness and light,  
 word of truth,  
 wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Glory to you, God*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

The grace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray, Almighty God, **by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**





1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo;  
 en mi barca no hay oro no espadas;  
 tan sólo redes y mi trabajo.  
 Estribillo

3 Tú necesitas mis manos,  
 mi cansancio que a otros descanse,  
 amor que quiera seguir amando.  
 Estribillo

4 Tú, Pescador de otros mares;  
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan.  
 Amigo bueno, que así me llamas.  
 Estribillo

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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## **Apostles Creed**

*Let us together confess the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People** (from Sundays and Seasons)

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them (*as the martyr, Agnes, ministered to victims of sexual abuse*). Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain (*especially*). God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are

uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always,

**And also with you.**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**MEAL**

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, God of goodness and growth, **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe,  
for your star shines still in the night sky,  
guiding your people in paths of love and justice.

In the beginning, you brought light into darkness,  
and created a people to reflect your glory.  
When we have lost our way or turned away,  
you shone the light all the brighter,  
calling us through the words of prophets  
and even in the life of your Son,  
who was born as we are born, breathed and ate  
and walked and lived as we do,  
who not only revealed your way but is the way.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts  
of bread and wine.  
May this glimpse of your kingdom sustain us,  
and give us eyes to see you at work in every place,

and strength to be your body in the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Guide us all through the promise of Jesus, your light, who teaches us to pray:

**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 and ever. Amen**

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power

for the benefit of all and to your glory,

now and forever. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### Benediction

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

#### *Go to the World*

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

**Fellowship hour continues in the lounge.**

### Funding for Mission & Budget

Monthly Receipts through 1/16/24 \$ 14,857.20

Monthly Budget Expenses:..... \$ 18,743.00

YTD Receipts through 1/31/24..... \$ 14,857.20

Yearly Budget..... \$ 224,917.00

**The Bethel Weekly**

**Fellowship Hour:** Please, if you are able to help on a future date in January, sign up in the hallway. Thanks to Carol Wehunt and Linda Grunewald for hosting today.

**Prayers:** To the family of Florence Niemuth who passed away January 15<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral was held yesterday.

**Special thanks:** To the women of the church for the last 2 weekends preparing and serving funeral lunches.

**2024 Offering Envelopes:** Please pick-up in the lounge.

**Statements:** Offering statements for 2023 are located in the lounge.

**Annual reports:** There are still some reports outstanding. Please turn those in as soon as possible.

**Pill Bottles:** Bethel will no longer be collecting pill bottles. Please recycle at home.

**Purse Ministry:** In conjunction with the Resurrection Food Pantry, we are asking all the ladies to clean out their closets and bring in any unwanted handbags, purses, clutches etc. They will then be filled with everyday items and distributed at the food pantry.

**Aebleskiver:** is February 24<sup>th</sup> and will be here before we know it. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway for volunteers, ingredients and baskets. Please have all items for baskets at church by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Bethel Photo Directory:** If you haven't already done so, please submit a recent photo for the new church directory. It can be emailed to the church or brought to the office for scanning.