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TRADITIONAL SERVICE
JANUARY 13/14, 2024
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Sue Wallager

ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell
8 AM Pr Brent Campbell
9 AM Pr Connie Tiede

READER:

5 PM Greg Bergerson
8 AM Marcia Wilson
9 AM Sandy Benson

ORGANISTS:

5 PM KT Thompson

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Shari Albrecht

PRELUDE:

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

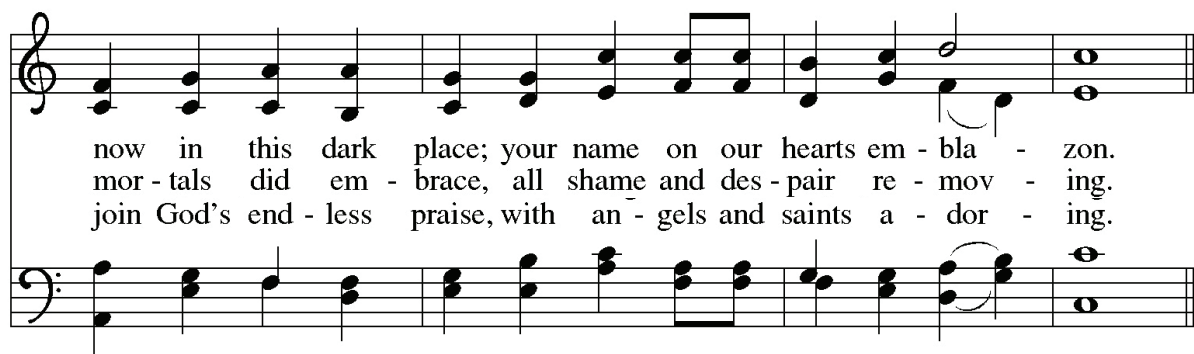
GATHERING SONG: *O Day Full of Grace*, vs 1, 2, 5 627

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with four staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a pair of staves (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass). The lyrics are as follows:

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSONS: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:43-51

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Sue Wallager

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day by Day* 790



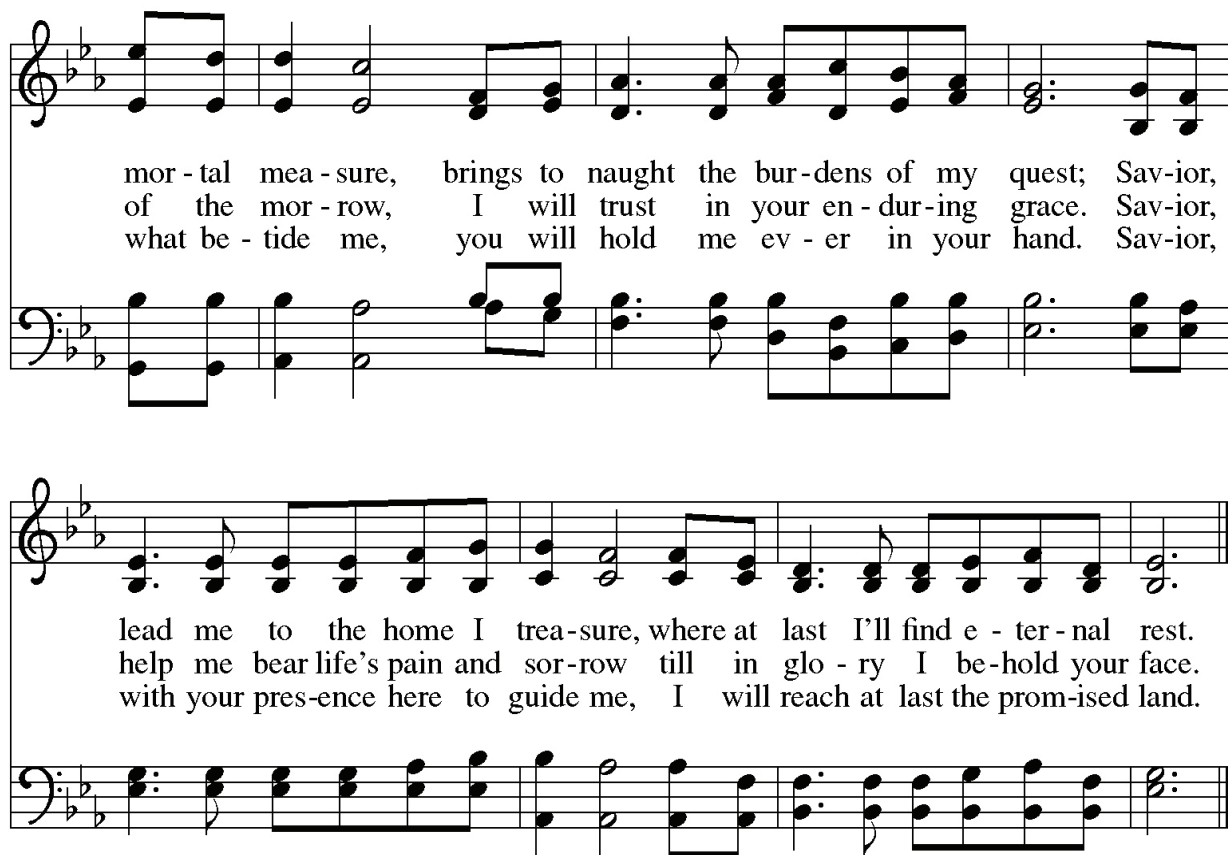
1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav' - n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTTEN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

God of Light...

Hear us we pray.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Search Me, God"arr. Huguley
Adult Choir, Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Shari Albrecht, accomp.

OFFERTORY: *Let All Things Now Living*, vs 1..... 881

**Let all things now living song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. You open heaven to us and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Use us and what we have gathered to feed the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Giver of every gift, you fill us with good things to be Christ's body in the world. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

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.

SENDING HYMN: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*..... 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. You are God's Beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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A MESSAGE FROM CONGREGATION PRESIDENT REGARDING LEAD PASTOR TRANSITION



Dear Zion Family,

On behalf of the leadership team, it is with mixed emotions and heartfelt gratitude that I write to you following the announcement of Pastor Brent's retirement. We are saddened by this news, yet we are grateful for Pastor Brent's dedication, leadership, passion, and unwavering commitment to Zion. He has left an indelible mark on our church community, and we are grateful for the spiritual guidance he has provided.

I thought it was important for you to know that the church leadership is actively engaged in what comes next. Last Sunday, on January 7 the Executive Committee met with Pastor John Hulden, Assistant to the Bishop, Minneapolis Area Synod to initiate a dialog with the synod office who will be working with us during this time of transition.

The Church Council will be meeting on January 16 to discuss next steps such as interim pastoral needs for after Pastor Brent's last day, the call committee process, and a communication plan to keep all informed during this time of transition.

It is also important for us to celebrate Pastor Brent's 37 years of ministry! A date is being worked on and will be announced soon. This will provide the opportunity for all of us to honor his ministry, share stories, and celebrate his ministry together.

I recently visited the wall of pictures in the Legacy Room which features many of Zion's Pastors from over the last several years. It reminded me that Zion has had many Pastors over our 153+ years of existence yet the one constant through all those transitions has been a faithful congregation dedicated to Zion's mission. We ask for your prayers and support during this time of transition and that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we navigate this process.

In Peace,

Craig Jerome
Congregational President

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