



**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 25, 2015**

**Meditation before Worship**

*He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,  
as of old, by the lake-side,  
He came to those men who knew Him not.  
He speaks to us the same word: "Follow thou me!"  
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.  
He commands. And to those who obey Him,  
whether they be wise or simple,  
He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings  
which they shall pass through in His fellowship,  
and, as an ineffable mystery,  
they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.*

Albert Schweitzer in "The Quest of the Historical Jesus"

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# Gathering the Community

ORGAN PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

Dr. Melrose

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN # 322     *“Spirit of the Living God”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Nancy Jackson

The time has arrived! The reign of God is here and now!

**We are watching and waiting for the realm of God.**

The time is now. The kingdom of God is here!

**We are seeking the good news.**

Believe the good news! The dreams of God are alive, right here!

**We are searching for work to do in God’s world.**

The moment has come. Let us fish for people!

**God’s realm is alive in this world! The long-awaited day is here!**

\*HYMN # 377 (PH)

*“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>     *(in unison)*

Nancy Jackson

**God who calls,**

**In Jesus you come to the lakeshores of our lives. We are busy fishing away, casting our nets and hoping for big hauls, great catches of money, respect, and possessions. We resist answering the One who, smiling, calls our names.**

**Have mercy on us. Open our ears and turn us toward our Lord. Bring us away from our nets full of unfulfilling things. Help us to follow Jesus, and with him, share the good news of abundant life in you.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS     *(in silence)*

RESPONSE IN SONG # 574 (PH)

*“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”*

THE ASSURANCE

Dr. Melrose

\*RESPONSE IN SONG

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
We on earth are all thy children, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE

Nancy Jackson

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

PSALTER READING (read responsively) Psalm 62: 5 - 12

Nancy Jackson

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;**

**God is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;

in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;**

**if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

**And steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Melrose

ANTHEM

*"Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him"*

-Hal H. Hopson

The Worship Choir

Edward Kingins, Music Director

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 14 - 20

*(p.33 in pew Bibles)*

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**"In for the Long Haul"**

Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Based on Prayer of St. Francis)*

**We affirm that:**

**The Lord calls us to be instruments of Christ's peace:**

**where there is hatred to sow love; where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair hope,**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**The Lord guides us that**

**we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**We know that**

**it is in giving that we receive.**



Liturgist  
Sound Technician  
Videographer  
Worship Coordinator  
Reception Coordinator

Nancy Jackson  
Valerie Edwards  
Randy Commissaris  
Beth Brown  
The Petrie family

**Ushers are available to provide assistance with particular needs:**

Large Print Hymnals  
Hearing Assist System  
Wheelchair Access Ramp  
Wheelchair Seating--locations available in the sanctuary  
Handicap Restroom--using elevator to second floor

**We are delighted that you are here!**

- \* Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- \* Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- \* Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- \* Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher to direct you.
- \* CDs of today's service and/or previous services may be ordered thru the church secretary @ \$3.00 each.
- \* You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at [Sharrow13@gmail.com](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

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**Prayer List for the month of January 2015**

Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, FSPC, Rose Grosscup, Hertha Gast, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Sharmel Kemp, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Don/Virginia Lorimer, Karen Marcil, Dan Muench, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Bob Sale, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Wicke family, and Josh Woolfolk.

**Prayers for Military loved ones.**

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, Capt. Katy Spicer Hess, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.