



TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 21, 2024

We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!
** We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

Pastor Pat Mecham

OPENING PRAYER

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

Let us worship God!

*** ♪ GATHERING SONG – “Jesus Come! For We Invite You”**

Congregation

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

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.

Together, we confess our sins to God.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness; for jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare; for hurtful words that condemn, God have mercy on us.

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that we are forgiven.

Amen. And may God help us to share that grace with others.

*** SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE**

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.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”

♪ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – “Ancient Words”

Congregation

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*** GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION – "Short-Timers"

Pastor Pat Mecham

*** ♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – "Soon and Very Soon"**

Congregation

*** 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.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Pat Mecham

Please conclude your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and all will respond, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

♪ COMMUNION SONG – “One Bread, One Body”

Congregation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for nourishing us as we walk the pilgrim journey of faith. Fill us with your love, and help us to share that love with a hurting world. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Congregation

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD – ANNOUNCEMENTS *Birthdays/Anniversaries*

We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.

* BENEDICTION

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil, but overcome evil with good.

Amen!

* POSTLUDE

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TLPC's ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held
TODAY, Sunday, January 21 -
immediately after the 9:30 am worship service.
Your attendance is important... *PLEASE JOIN US!*

We invite all to join us by giving to the ministry of TLPC. **We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry.** Gifts may be made online through our website at TLPC.org or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God's world. With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe–Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.

