

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* Johann Gottfried Walther
Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus is.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Leader: Come and see, come and see!

All: Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

*HYMN *O Zion, Haste* No. 573

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the world around us. Show us what we should see but from which we hide our eyes. Show us how people live in this world and the reality of their days. Give us courage to do what you ask and to "Come and see." Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the shape of your Kingdom. Show us what life could be like if only we could see with your wisdom. Show us what we could do to change things forever with you. Give us courage to have a vision and to "Come and see" and to be where you are working in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 49:1-3, 6-7*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 236 vs 6
**All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* Daw, Jr./White

GOSPEL READING *John 1:29-42*
MESSAGE "Come and See" *Pastor Janet Saddle*

*HYMN *The Summon* No. 2130

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

Unison: **Jesus, you invite us to "come and see." It so simple a call; why do we not respond? Are we afraid of what that means? We admit that coming to you means changing our ways of living, and giving up what we feel is important. When we see who you are, we see that you want us to be in a close relationship, you want us to follow you. But we don't. And we don't tell others: "Behold, See! Look who I've found!" Forgive us Lord when perhaps we don't outright deny you, but we do hide our faith in a closet. Help us to put our faith in you on a candle stand, to share you with the world. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* No. 349
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Andante

Johann C. H. Rinck

*Congregational Response *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

No. 160 vs 5

**Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.**

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

No. 569

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: God loves you and wants you to know him. You are unique to him. That's something worth sharing. Go now and tell others, "come and see who I have found."

People: Lead us, Lord.

All: Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major

George Frideric Handel

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Joan Sowers

Please see Announcements for a complete list of those joining today.

Taryn Blydenburgh - sponsor: Dan Blydenburgh

Mashana Cunningham - sponsor: Susan Devitz

Henry and Jo Ann Kim - sponsor: Lois Schneider

Angela Sowers - sponsor: Lorene Woodnorth



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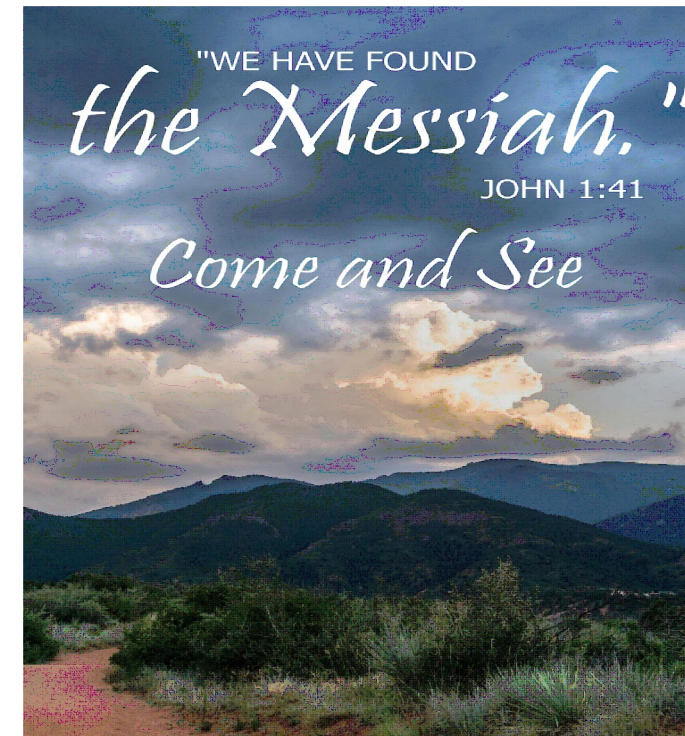
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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



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Sermon Outline:

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4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

4-6—Youth Night at GG

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10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00 - Safe Sanctuary Training [Hall]

TUESDAY

7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]

6:00—Cricut Card Making Class [Hall]

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8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

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