

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2018

Worship Focus

Jesus, Revealed – In His Powerful Message



*And he went throughout
Galilee, proclaiming
the message...*

MARK 1:39, NRSV

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

453 - Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the
life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
I am the way, and well I show How
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
I am the ref - uge of the soul And
For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The

my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.
 Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation A - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



SONG OF PRAISE

Sweet Forgiveness
Chris Driesbach

*Sweet forgiveness - oh the sound is so sweet
How could you love the unlovable – how could you love me*

*Why do you help someone who doesn't want you
Why reach for one who doesn't believe
How could you love your enemies and die to set me free*

*How sweet sound the words our God says when he forgives
Changes the way you think about things, changes the way you live*

*Sinner, are you tired of bearing your burdens
Carryin' the guilt and shame all alone
Sinner aren't you tired of crying, sinner don't you want to come home*

*Oh the freedom and the comfort of finally coming home
To know the depth of his forgiveness, to know the struggle is done*

*They struck and they spit at Jesus, and all the while he was thinking of me
He was bloody and broken and dirty so I could walk away clean*

*Sweet forgiveness - oh the sound is so sweet
How could you love the unlovable – how could you love me*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

God called Jonah to preach a message of repentance to the people of Nineveh. This is how powerful the Gospel is... they believed and repented!

^{JONAH 3:1} Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

ANTHEM

God Made it All
By Jayne Nitz and Christ Driesbach 2008

*In the beginning – God created – the heavens and the earth
The Word was there with the spirit upon the waters
God said “Let there be light” and it came to be
Light and dark, evening and morning, the first day*

*Don't know how he did it, but then he made the sky
Above the water - infinitely high
God made the waters join - and dry ground to appear
He named the sea and the land and said that it was good*

Refrain

***Day one! -- Dark and light Day two! -- He made the sky
Day three! -- Plants and trees Day four! -- Sun, moon and stars
Day five! -- Birds and fish Day six! -- the an - i - mals
In his own image he made man and he made woman
In six days God made it all - he made it all
In six days God made it all - he made it all
In six days God made it all - he made it all
and on the seventh day he rested.***

*He made green things grow on land - according to their kind
With fruit and seeds – beautifully delicious!
Oh what a show - he put on- when he made the sun and moon-
A universe filled with stars - and it was good.*

*Then my God invented - birds and creatures of the sea
And every animal – he's such an awesome God!
He made a man,- and God saw - he was sad to be alone
So from Adam he made Eve and Adam loved her*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

When we repent and believe the Good News, our entire attitude about life in this world changes.

1CORINTHIANS 7:29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

ANTHEM

Modern Evangelist
Chris Driesbach

*Man, you know it's tough to be a modern evangelist
So many hard people with hard hearts to win
But God's got the answers to all the hard questions
Like, how did the universe ever begin*

*When a scientist looks in an electron microscope
At a simple little blade of grass
He'll explain photosynthesis in lots of detail
If you ask him how he'll say it just came to pass*

*He'll say amazing things like this just happened
Simple stuff got more complicated
It's 'cause everything sat around for millions of years
That's how the world became populated*

*With animals and bees and plants and trees
Clouds and rainbows and the northern lights
Mathematics and music, brains and eyeballs
Glaciers and whales, a butterfly in flight*

*When you don't allow for a God of creation
You're stuck with crazy theories like this
It makes really smart people have mushy thinking
And they have to make ignorance sound like bliss*

*And all those folks who study biology
Astounded at the wonders of the world they see
Why don't they recognize the God of eternity
Praising his name as they fall to their knees*

*God is greater than human thinking
His thoughts and ways are higher than ours – he says
Where were you little man when I made the mountains
Where were you when angels sang with the stars*

*Man, you know it's rough to be a modern evangelist
And this might come as a big surprise
But when folks consider the need for a Savior
They want to close their minds and their eyes*

*It's an awful thing to think I might be sinful
I'd rather believe I've got good qualities
I'd rather think I'm not so bad
Rather look at all the folks that are worse than me*

*Sure I'm greedy but at least I'm not lazy
Maybe I'm a drunk but I didn't beat my wife
OK - I'm lustful but not criminal or crazy
I cheat on my taxes but so does everybody else in life (they ALL do it!)*

*But God demands that we be holy
We break part of his law - we broke it all
God says sin earns death in wages
Every human rescue will stumble and fall*

*So folks invent a god of their choosing
That way they can kind of stay on top
They just make up a god that doesn't punish
Or make 'em feel guilty or tell 'em to stop*

*Lying, hating, desiring, sneaking
Questionable internet surfin' at night
Children in need while you gamble with your money
"Well, you can't judge me, so that makes it right." (don't you judge me! Judge not!)*

*Man, you know it's hard to be a modern evangelist
You wouldn't think it would be that way, but
People don't seem to want the gift we offer
Eternal life for the future and peace for today*

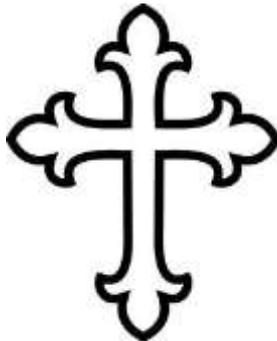
*Even though Jesus is the perfect hero
All earthly heroes have feet of clay
He outscored Satan by everything to zero
Won heaven for all by taking sin away.*

*The shrinks say we need more self-esteem
But thinkin' more of myself makes trouble and strife
Navel-gazing just makes it worse
We need better medicine for the pain in life!*

*But, hey, you wanna talk about self-esteem?
You've got it in faith in Jesus Christ
He thinks of us all so incredibly highly
He loved us so much - he laid down his life.*

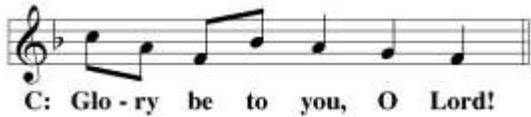
*So why do so many say no to heaven
When God wants every single soul to come home
The devil is strong, Father help me keep singing
How you sent your son to die and atone*

*Until I'm singin' with the choir around the throne
Tellin' everybody let Christ be known
Just keep on goin' until I'm gone!*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

Jesus was not only a teacher and a healer, he was also a preacher. Mark records Jesus' powerful message... powerful enough to move four men to follow him.

^{MARK 1:14} After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of
2 Deep in the proph-ets' sa-cred page, Grand in the
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of
4 Sing to the Lord a might-y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav-en's
po-ets' wing-ed word, Slow-ly, in type, from
pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and
name, his glo-ries tell! Sing, heav'n-ly hosts, your



glo-ry bright The song of praise for-ev-er rings.
age to age The na-tions saw their com-ing Lord;
now a-bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn,
praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an-them swell!



To him who sits up-on the throne, The Lamb once
Till through the deep Ju-de-an night Rang out the
Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang the
Wor-thy the Lamb for sin-ners slain! For-ev-er



slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry
song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in
an-gel hosts a-gain. Lift up your heads—your
let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb en-



he has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, A-men.
splen-dor bright, Re-ech-oed now, "Good will!" A-men.
King a-waits. We lift them up, A-men, A-men.
throned to reign; Glo-ry and pow'r! A-men, A-men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) Johann Störls . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.

SERMON

Mark 1:14-20

This Is How the Church Gets Built

1. God supplies a message
2. God calls His messengers

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, Your Son once called Andrew and Peter, James and John to follow Him with the promise that He would make them fishers of men. Grant Your baptized the faith so to hear and heed the Savior's call, that through following Christ, the Holy Spirit would draw many into the Savior's net and rescue them from everlasting destruction. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You are high above all nations and Your glory is above the heavens! Look in mercy on our nation. Give to those entrusted with civil authority courage and compassion, wisdom and integrity. Raise up men and women who will speak Your warning threat of judgment to our nation just as You raised up Jonah, Your servant, to warn Nineveh. Give our nation the grace of repentance to turn from evil. We beg Your protection especially for those most vulnerable among us, particularly those in the womb. Free us from all willful blindness and disregard of Your precious gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your merciful hands, we commend all who are afflicted or suffering in any way [*particularly those we have been asked to remember before You: _____*]. Stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to heal and defend them in Your own chosen time and manner, giving them faith to trust Your wise governance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we gather around the table of Your Son to feast upon His very body and blood, grant us faith to welcome Him with joy and receive with thanksgiving forgiveness and all the blessings He freely gives us as His fellow heirs. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You have given Your Son to raise us from the dust of death and seat us with princes in the new heavens and the new earth. Receive our thanks for all Your servants who have died, looking forward with eager expectation to that joyous day. When our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.





THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - - men." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Chris Driesbach

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

The musical score is written on two staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-". The score ends with a double bar line.

pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

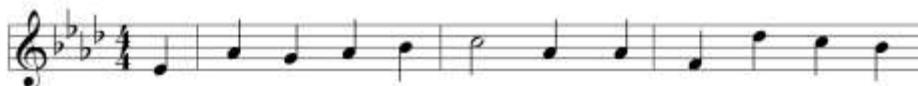
C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

560 - I Hear the Savior Calling



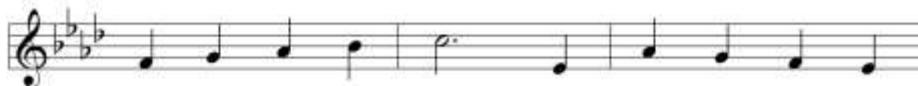
1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
 me. A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

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