



Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

National City Christian Church

Sunday Program

10:00 am

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**BIBLE
STUDY**

10:00 am

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**WORSHIP
EXPERIENCE**

11:15 am

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**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**



Anytime

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TOUCH**



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Kevin Biggins, Jr, Organ

Grand Chœur

Théodore Salomé

The Service of Welcome

As the choir enters, please stand (in body or spirit), and join in the singing.

***Processional Hymn**

Congregation

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Stephanie

Call to Worship

One: God, you call each of us to worship you, and we answer:

All: "Here I Am"

One: Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer:

All: "Here I Am"

One: Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer:

All: "Here I Am"

One: Gracious Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with courage and joy, for here, we are in your presence.

All: AMEN.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

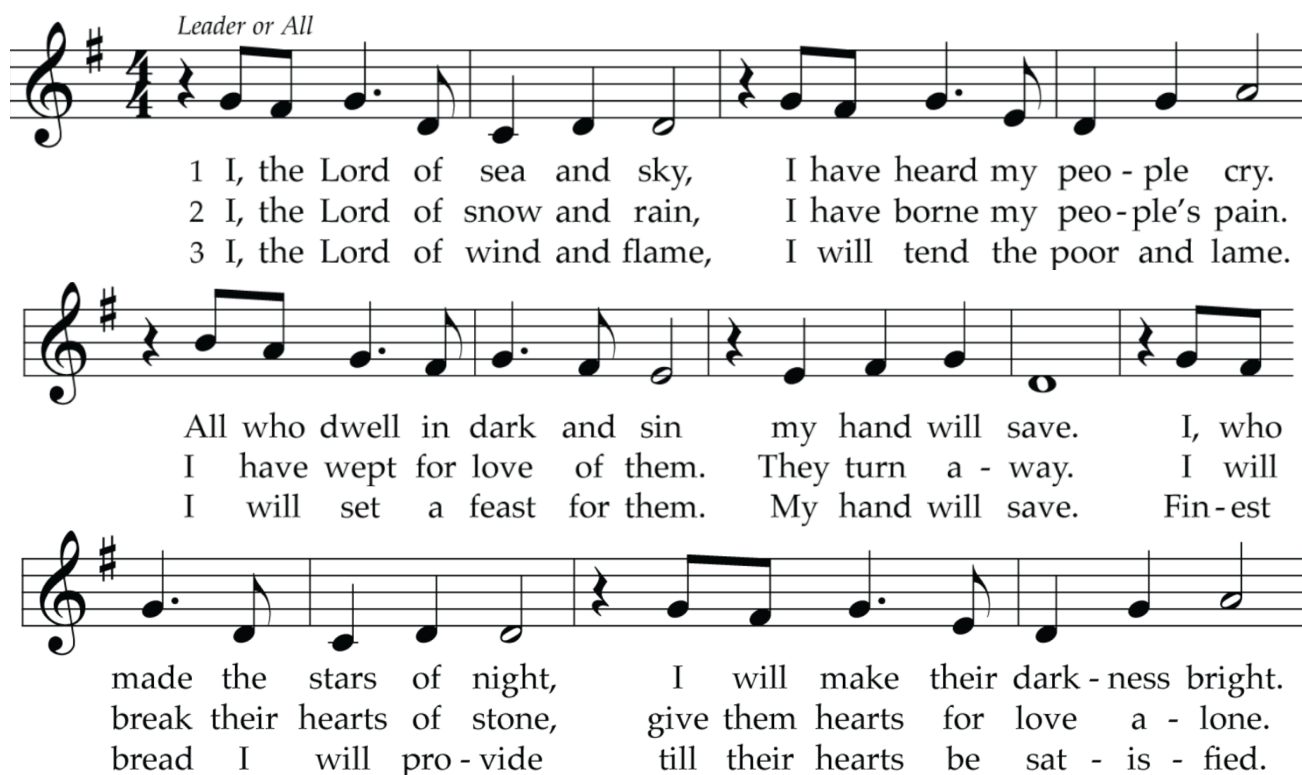
All: And also with you.

*Congregational Song

Congregation

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

All
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People

Pastor Stephanie

Sacred Text:

Anthony Mague

Hear these words from book of Psalms, Chapter 139, beginning with the first verse:

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Now hear these words from the Gospel of John, Chapter one, beginning with the forty third verse:

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Alia Waheed-Ky

Precious Lord

Text by Thomas A. Dorsey, Music by George N. Allen

*Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on,
help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am
worn. Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light; Take my hand,
precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry,
hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take
my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Message

Pastor Stephanie

The Service of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Terri Malone

Please join in the Lord's Prayer using the language and the words that most resonate with your Spirit and relationship to God.

*Our God who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come
Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread.*

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Cultivating Generosity

Terri Malone

Doxology

Congregation



Praise the one Cre - a - tor, praise the Liv-ing Christ

Praise the Ho-ly Spi - rit, praise both day and night

Praise when you are wea - ry, praise in times of joy

Praise, my soul, with all your strength and your heart and

voice

Invitation to the Table

Pastor Stephanie

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Terri Malone

Words of Institution

Pastor Stephanie

Communion Meditation

Chancel Choir

Taste and See

Taste and see, the goodness of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Terri Malone

The Service of Going Forth

Hymn of Going Forth

Congregation

Lift Every Voice and Sing!



1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent



ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the



ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the



skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Benediction

Pastor Stephanie

Postlude

Kevin J. Biggins, Jr.

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"

Based on the hymn by Charles Albert Tindley; Arr. Carl Haywood



Thank you for Worshipping God at National City

We are so grateful that you made your way to worship with us today.

If God has placed a call to membership on your heart, please reach out to our pastor.

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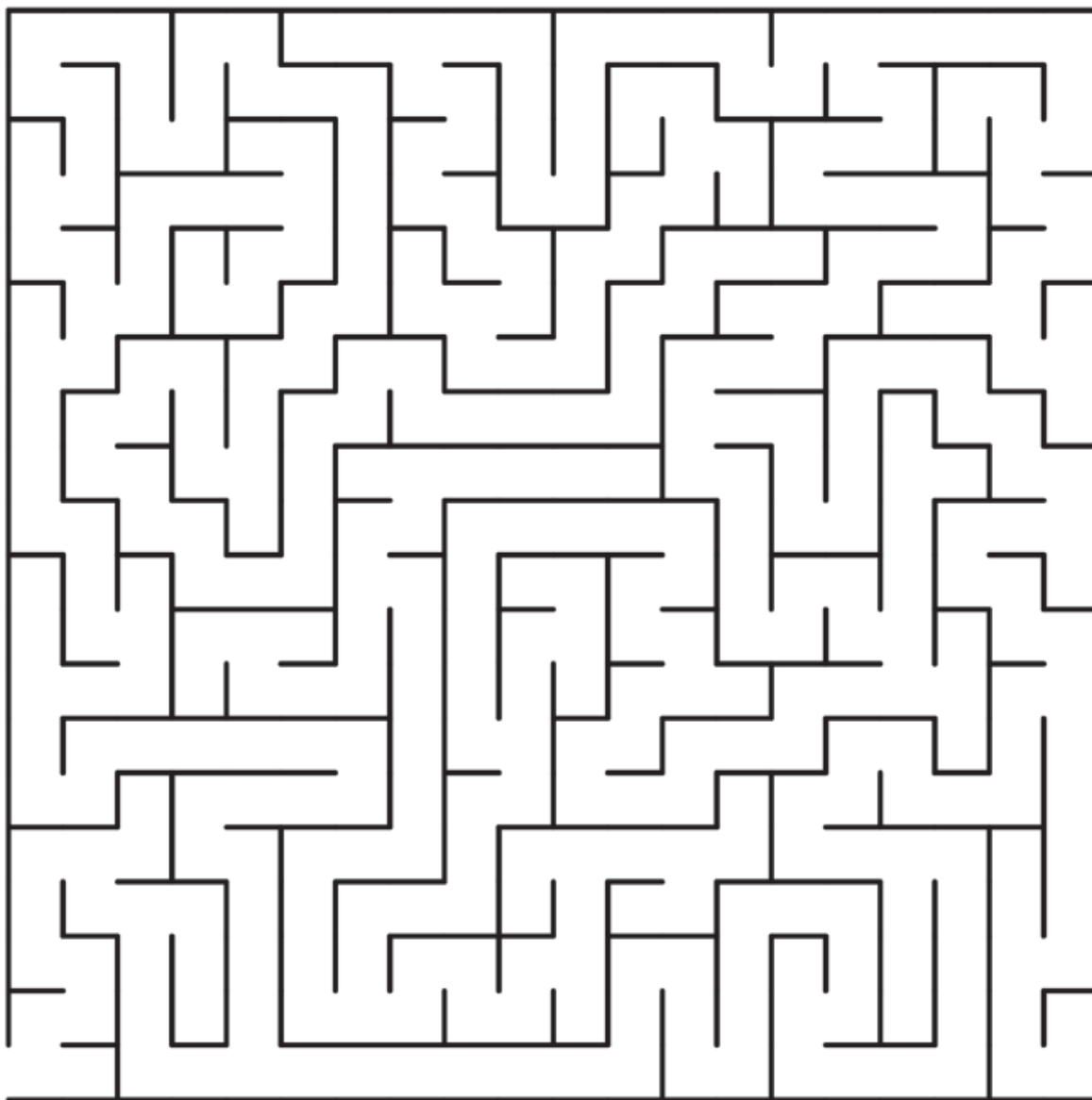
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