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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26, 2014

*Means those who are able please stand.

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words.

Ring the Bell

***Greeting and Announcements**

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.

Centering Music

"All Beautiful, the March of Days"

arr.

Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** from "Iona Abbey Worship book"

Jesus said: "I am the Way for you."

So we come to follow Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

So we come to dwell in the light.

Jesus said: "I am the Life for you."

So we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

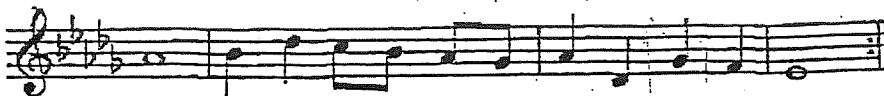
***Gathering Song** NCH #434 "All Beautiful the March of Days"

Forest Green

***Silent Confession** ending with:



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall



be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Message

Hannah Hannover

Sung Prayer for Illumination NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 1

***Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart--
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.***

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4 (pg. 780 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Matthew 4:12-23 (pg. 4 in the NT of your pew Bible)

Sung Response NCH "Be Now My Vision" v. 2

***Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be***

Sermon

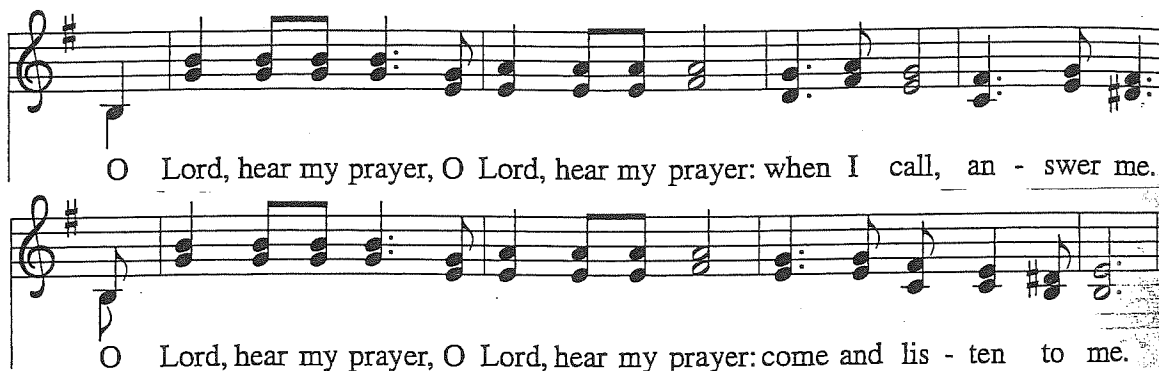
“Leaving the Family Business”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

*Song NCH #173 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Pescadorde Hombres

Prayers of the People *beginning with:*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

The Lord's Prayer

Please join in praying the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts “Hear the Voice of God, So Tender”

arr.

Text reference: NCH #174

The gifts of the world, of this day, of our lives, come to us from God's open hands. Let us now open our hands in gratitude.

Prayer of Dedication

These gifts are our sign of gratitude to you. Through them, may hungry hearts be fed; through them, may others know your joy. Amen.

Song (insert)

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

***Commissioning and Blessing** from “Iona Abbey Worshipbook”

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness,

God’s own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,

God’s own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,

God’s own for the world.

Look at the Son, see the grace and the courage,

God’s own for the world.

This is God’s world,

We will serve God in it.

***Sending Music**

Today’s Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Michael Johnson

Interim Minister: Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Children & Youth Minister: Hannah Hannover

Youth Minister: Linda Hanson

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Next Week Sunday, February 2:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages:

Children’s Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6) Meet in Learning Center

Youth Group: Meet in Learning Center

Learning Center (FH) - Intergenerational -Tie blankets for ACCESS (Assult Care Center Extending Shelter and Support)

Sermon Texts: Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12

Welcome! We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.