



Christ's Hope & Light Revealed

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2020

Sermon at Nazareth

If we limit ourselves to seeing only what we expect to see, we fail to see the unexpected.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

My Lord What a Morning

Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy God—in this precious hour, we pause
and gather to hear your word—
to do so, we break from our work responsibilities
from our play fantasies;
we move from our fears that overwhelm
and from our ambitions that are too strong.
Free us in these moments from every distraction,
that we may focus to listen,
that we may hear, that we may change. Amen.

- Walter Brueggemann

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of light,

You light a fire within us and ask us to shine, but we are quick to hide and make excuses. We shrink from challenges, avoid responsibility, and deny the goodness of your creation. We seek hollow praise and then don't believe it. Forgive us for hiding our God-given light and remaining self-absorbed.

Children of God, never fear, for you have always lived in the mercy of your creator. Hear the words of absolution and believe them: you are forgiven, you are made whole, you are restored to God. Hallelujah! **Amen**

Opening Song

By Faith

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight**

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign**

Chorus

***We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight***

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave**

Chorus

Prayer of the Day

Powerful God, You stir up your people with challenging words. Open our ears to hear truly the truth which you bring, and may it shake up our lives so that we can be your faithful witnesses in the world. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

*Jesus was busy teaching, healing, and performing miracles throughout the land.
Unfortunately, the ones who failed to see God working through him
were the people of his own hometown.*

Invitation to the Word

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

**Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha,

and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

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.

Prayers

Sung before all prayers

**Let my prayer rise up, like incense before me,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Sometimes we think we know you and your scriptures so well that there is nothing new to be learned. Keep us humble, open and receptive to the continual renewal of your Spirit among us.

God of truth, **Hear our prayer.**

As we honor the memory of your servant Martin Luther King, Jr. and the prophetic life he lived, inspire us to continue his work for justice and champion his dream that all persons would be regarded as equals.

God of truth, **Hear our prayer.**

You created all that we can see and experience, O God, and those things which we can neither see nor understand. Make us seekers and discoverers in your amazing world, and guide us to use our own creative powers for good and noble causes.

God of truth, **Hear our prayer.**

Be with those who feel estranged from familiar people and places in their lives. Reunite estranged people and mend broken relationships, and be especially with those whose names we bring before you for healing...

God of truth, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

Receive our prayers and shed light on our path as we seek to walk in your ways and bring glory to you through your son Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May God fill you with hope and illumine the darkness, with the light of Christ. Amen.

Sending Song

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Red ELW 655 vv. 1,2,4

Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"In the Presence of Jehovah, The Lord is in This Place" - arr. Mark Hayes



Hope & Light: A Community Art Project

“The time after Epiphany celebrates God’s incarnation and Jesus’ revealing glory. In this time, we discover Christ’s presence in our lives and share that good news with the world.”

As the season of Epiphany approaches – January 10 thru February 14 - you are invited to participate in creating a piece of artwork that symbolizes God’s revealing of hope and light in our lives, community & world.

Here is how it will work:

- Each week you will be directed at the end of worship to reflect on a question that the pastors will present. You will then design, on your own time, 2 pieces of the puzzle that represents your thoughts – a scene, color schemes, abstract designs, words etc. – however you are moved.
 - You can use markers, pens, crayons, collage, glitter etc. – whatever medium you would like.
 - ***If you would to participate, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to deliver a bag of supplies (puzzle pieces) to you.***
- At the end of the season, during the week of February 14th we ask that you bring back your designed puzzle and place them in the basket in front of the church office.
 - *If you are unable to return your puzzle, please call the church office and we will make arrangements to pick up your puzzle.*
- Some puzzles will be given to those who are homebound as a symbol - a reminder - of God’s hope. All other puzzles will then be created to make a collective piece of art that reflects, as a community, our hope and light. **When all of these individual lights come together as one we can rest in what is and will be revealed in Christ for all of us. Our hope and light becomes even brighter!**
- The finished artwork will be displayed in the Narthex to welcome us back when the time comes when we gather together in-person.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Novess knovess@holyshepherd.com or 720.854.5365.



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