

**Morning Worship  
9:30 AM  
January 25, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**✠ PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

*"Some of us think holding on makes us strong, but sometimes it is letting go."*

*--Hermann Hesse*

## ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**People: We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

Leader: Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**People: We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.**

Leader: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**People: We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.**

## ✠HYMN

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## ✦ **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. I invite you to join me as we confess our lives to God, praying,

## ✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

We admit, God our Light, that we do indeed try to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor always, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.

Hear us, God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures! Have mercy on us, we appeal to you, have mercy! May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ.

## ✦ **TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

## ✦ **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: God is our help, so why should we be afraid? God keeps us safe, there is nothing to dread! This is good news for all of us.

People: Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love, we raise shouts of joy: thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

## ✦ **RESPONSE #582**

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Leader: As water splashed across our face awakens us in the morn, may your Word awaken us to your presence. Wash us in your wisdom, bathe us in your goodness, refresh us with your grace, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING (CEB)**

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death. From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**MUSICAL OFFERING*****The Summons****Bell & Maule***MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN**

Vanna Ortiz

*(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)***SERMON****"What's Next?"****Seth Finch****JOYS AND CONCERNS\*\*** *(A Silence)***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****Tina Locke****THE LORD'S PRAYER (First Nations Version)**

**"O Great Spirit, our Father from above, your name is sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day—all the good things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road. AMEN.**

## OFFERING

### ✠ RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #598

*Amen, we praise your name , O God!*

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*Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen.*

*Amen, we praise your name , O God!*

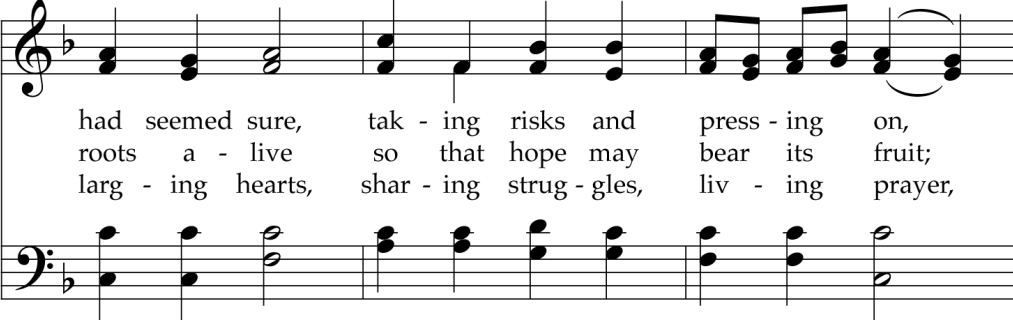
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### ✠ HYMN

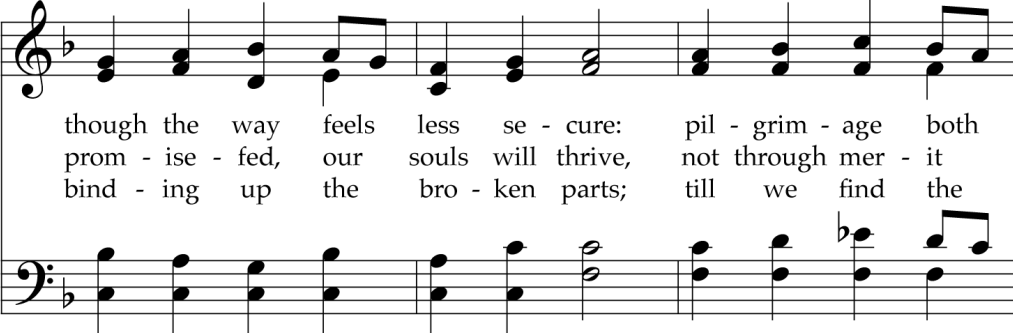
# Faith Begins by Letting Go 684



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -



had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,  
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;  
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,



though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both  
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it  
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

## ✠POSTLUDE

✠THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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