

Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24,

-HYMN OF PRAISE

God Is Here!

-CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love for us
is that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!
Trusting in that faith,
let us confess our sins to God and before one another.

Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Ray)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Janie McElwee

CENTERING MUSIC

Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Ray)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study God's word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, we thank you for the gifts and talents

you have gifted to each and every one of us.

Make us the body of the risen Christ,

united, in all our diversity.

Animate us by your Holy Spirit

that together we may work toward your coming Kingdom.

Amen.

-PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your

You offer us your living Word, but we do not listen to your

You call us to be one in your Spirit, but we foster division

Forgive us, God of grace.

Open our hearts again this day

to the liberating truth of your Word, Jesus Christ,

and the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

-ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as the east is from the west,

so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, trust yourselves to the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

-PASSING OF THE PEACE

The grace and peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Offer the sign of Christ to one another in word, handshake, hug, c

Proclaiming THE WORD

†At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold: all people respond

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 19:1-10, 14

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

+HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Hymn 438 CONFERTORY

Dr. Kit Loon

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12, selected verses

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

SERMON "Out of Many, One"

Rev. McElwee-Smith

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Responding to THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967 +PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. ... Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

**God of life and of new life,
bless these gifts that we have given
that they may further your reign in this world.
Help us to live as your body in every place,
for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Bearing and Following THE WORD into the world

-HYMN OF DEDICATION

In Christ There Is No East or West

-CHARGE

Remember that you are a child of God:

And God loves God's children!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

-BENEDICTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Traditional, p. 16
The Presbyterian Hymnal*

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CALL TO GIVE

Each one of us is essential
to the life and well-being of the whole body of Christ.
So we come now to share our gifts and resources
in order to care for one another and
for the world Christ came to save.

*My gracious master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.*

-POSTLUDE

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