



**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me."**

Luke 4:18

January 19, 2025

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Order of Worship

2nd Second After Epiphany

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — From *Four Spirituals: "We Shall Overcome" and "Deep River"*

— Adolphus Hailstork

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (Variation 1) — Raymond H. Haan

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the One who gives justice to the oppressed!

People: **Praise the Lord, who gives bread to people who are starving,**

Leader: who frees prisoners and makes the blind see,

People: **who straightens up those who are bent low,**

Leader: who protects the stranger, the widows, and the orphans.

People: **Let us worship Christ, our Redeemer and Friend!**

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #353— "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (8:30 vv 1 and 2)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HYMN #582 — “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC — “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” — Robert Powell

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 4:14-21 — pg. 61 in NT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 4:22-30 — pg. 61 in NT

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — *Jesus Says the Wrong Thing*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED (p. 17 in *Glory to God* Hymnal)**

***HYMN #361 — “O Christ, the Great Foundation” (10:30 only)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (Variation 3) — Raymond H. Haan

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(10:30) — “None Like You” — Craig Courtney

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***Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #772 — “Live into Hope”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***Choral Benediction — “God Be in My Head”** — K. Lee Scott

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POSTLUDE — From *Four Spirituals: “Great Day”* — Adolphus Hailstork

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