

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**January 24, 2021**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. The service will be posted on the church's Facebook page, [on YouTube](#), and will be linked to the MPC website, [www.mpchurch.net](http://www.mpchurch.net). Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.*

**PRELUDE**                      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Elder of the month: Steve Thiel, 708-0594
- Deacon of the month: Cheryl Mack, 317-294-8436
- Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2021

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

From God comes my salvation.  
For God alone my soul waits in silence.  
God alone is my rock and my salvation.  
God is my fortress, I shall never be shaken.  
Let us worship God.

**PRAYER**

The present form of this world is passing away. Therefore, help us to keep our focus on you, Lord, for true power and steadfast love belong to you. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we repent of all ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Silence is kept*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the word of the Lord: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given new life.

## HYMN

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

*Refrain:*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
kindly smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my daily labor. [Refrain]*

*You need my hands, full of caring,  
through my labors to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. [Refrain]*

*You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed-for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. [Refrain]*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us your word, O God, that we may hear Jesus' call to be his disciples. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Psalm 62:5-12*

For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.  
Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,  
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all  
according to their work.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**The Summons**

*Sue Poulos, Susie Lewis, and Steve Thiel*

*“Will you come and follow Me, if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in Me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you, and you in Me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you, and you in Me?”*

*“Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you, in me?”*

*Lord your summons echoes true, when You but call my name.*

*Let me turn and follow You, and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You, and you in me.*

*I will move and live and grow in You, and you in me.*

**SECOND READING**

*Mark 1:14-20*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Ben Shaw

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**            *Somebody's Knocking At Your Door*

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