

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

~ Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Celebrating a

BIRTHDAY

THIS WEEK

January 27 Peter Schmitt

January 31 T. Urling Walker

January 31 Laurel Pike

February 1 Nalanie Simpson

February 2 Robert J. Brown

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, and for the sick and those who need God’s comfort.

Prayer Help Available.

Please call the church office, 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 27, 2019

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Crown Him Lord of All

All Things Bright & Beautiful

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Gilbert Martin

James Mansfield

Jason Payne

GREETING

Peace be with you.  
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Festival Piece on “Marion”

The text of this beloved worship tune is hymn no. 169

Carl Bingle, organ

Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 19:1-10

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

People: **There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

**The law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More desired are they than gold, even much fine gold, sweeter than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

All: **Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #52**

*Blessed Be the Name*

BLESSED BE THE NAME

**INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS**

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700**

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;  
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say,  
I am strong in the strength of the Lord!*

**LITURGIST WELCOME**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Old Testament, page 692 in pew Bibles)

**ANTHEM**

*Pass It On*

Adult Handbell Choir

arr. Sandra Ethun

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service. As children depart for Sunday School, we sing “*Jesus Loves Me*” Hymn #185, verse 1)

**SECOND READING**

I Corinthians 12:12-31a (New Testament, page 174 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“Putting It All Together”

Rev. Casey Carbone

**\*HYMN #597**

*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

HENDON

**ELDERS’ PRAYER AND THE 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 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.*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*God Made Our Hands*

Jackson/Miller

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

**\*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #415**

*We Are Called to Be God’s People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Psalm 19/All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

Marcello/arr. Susan Caudill

“The heavens are telling the Glory of God” was today’s Call to Worship. Hear the 18th century setting by Italian composer and statesman Benedetto Marcello, as it calls out from the front organ and answers from the west organ. Caudill mixes the hymn tune Miles Lane into the Marcello Psalm 19.

Carl Bingle, organ