



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022

Thoughts of Preparation

To share out your soul freely, that is what metanoia (a change of mind, or repentance) really refers to: a mental product of love. A change of mind, or love for the undemonstrable. And you throw off every conceptual cloak of self-defense, you give up the fleshly resistance of your ego. Repentance has nothing to do with self-regarding sorrow for legal transgressions. It is an ecstatic erotic self-emptying. A change of mind about the mode of thinking and being. – *Christos Yannaras*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Prelude on “Beach Spring”* (*Wilbur Held*)

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision

Jesus calls us to do justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

We are your Church, Jesus, but sometimes we fail to believe it, and so we focus more on what divides us than on your call and the unconditional welcome that joins us.

May your Spirit flow through us to bind and connect us in ways that neither our diversity nor our self-righteousness, nor our sin can separate.

We are your Body, Jesus, but sometimes we fail to act like it, and so we grow more concerned with ourselves than the others you call us to serve.

May your grace and compassion flow through us to heal and embrace all who are broken and wounded.

We are your Messengers, Jesus, but sometimes it's easier to carry bad news, or no news, than to challenge the powers that be, or to oppose injustice with the message of the Gospel.

May your prophetic voice be proclaimed in us in ways that encourage the despairing, liberate the oppressed and hold the powerful accountable.

Forgive us when we fail to be who we are – who you have called us to be,

**And teach us to live and to love as your presence in this world.
Amen!**

***Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 138.1-3)**

Thank you! Everything in me says “Thank you!”

Angels listen as I sing my thanks.

I kneel in worship facing your holy temple and say it again: “Thank you!”

Thank you for your love, thank you for your faithfulness;

Most holy is your name, most holy is your Word.

The moment I called out, you stepped in; you made my life large with strength.

Again, O Love: Thank you!

AMEN!

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 37.1-11

Don't get upset over evildoers; don't be jealous of those who do wrong, because they will fade fast, like grass; they will wither like green vegetables. Trust the Lord and do good; live in the land, and farm faithfulness. Enjoy the Lord, and he will give what your heart asks.

Commit your way to the Lord! Trust him! He will act and will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like high noon. Be still before the Lord, and wait for him. Don't get upset when someone gets ahead—someone who invents evil schemes.

Let go of anger and leave rage behind! Don't get upset—it will only lead to evil. Because evildoers will be eliminated, but those who hope in the Lord— they will possess the land. In just a little while the wicked won't exist! If you go looking around their place, they won't be there.

But the weak will inherit the land; they will enjoy a surplus of peace.

Gathering Together in Prayer Silent Prayer—Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

As you bring your gifts, bring all the rest of you, too, as an offering. Giving a pledge won't change you or strengthen you—it helps the church of course, but only bringing your whole SELF to God, all of you—emotions, successes, failures, opinions, sins, hatreds, loves, prejudices, doubts, denials, certainties, prayers answered and unanswered—only THAT can allow God to change you, fulfill you, and deeply bless you.

Offertory

*“His Eye Is On the Sparrow” (Martin/Gabriel)
(Chuck Hawkins ~ soloist)*

Why should I be discouraged and why should the shadows fall?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion, my constant Friend is He,
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;
I sing because I'm free;
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled; these tender words I hear;
And resting on his goodness I lose my doubts and fears;
For by the path He leadeth but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;
I sing because I'm free;
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted; whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing; when hope within me dies;
I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;
I sing because I'm free;
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me...

Scripture Lesson: Luke 5.1-11

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Sermon

You Had ONE Job!
Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

***Hymn #589**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (Maryton)
(see last page)

Responsive Benediction (adapted from a prayer by Henri Nouwen):

As we return to the sacred dance of our daily living, teach us, O God, to ask the questions that matter most: Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I speak words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?

Yes, Divine Friend, as the gift of our lives continues to unfold, teach us to ask the questions that matter most. And help us grow "in Christ" more each day. Amen.

Postlude

“Voluntary in G”

(John Worgan)

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

The first system of music consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the treble staff is a bass clef staff with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features the same treble and bass clef staves with the key signature of one sharp and 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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