

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018**



Delta Presbyterian Church

Strengthening Christ in us

Sharing Christ among us

Showing Christ around us

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Order of Worship
Sunday, January 21, 2018
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Prelude

Frederick Isaac, Pianist

Gathering for Worship

Tolling of the Bells

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-5

Maureen Dykstra, Lay Leader

Leader: Come! Let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

The Lord is the great God. He is the greatest king.

Leader: In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

People: The sea is His, for He made it.

Everyone: Come! Let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

**Singspiration

(1931) **Morning Has Broken**

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2

(1969) **Sanctuary (3X)**

Prayer of Confession

**Most loving and gracious God, forgive us our sins;
those we commit knowingly,
and those we do without perception of how we have hurt others.**

**Open our hearts to hear your truth,
to understand our failure,
and to reach a new level of wisdom,
that in all we do and say,
we may bring glory to your name
and love and compassion unto our neighbor.**

**We commit ourselves to
Strengthening Christ in us
Sharing Christ among us
Showing Christ around us. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life
sets us free from the law of sin and death.

**And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us,
God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit,
who lives in us.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace

Response (1851) **Glory Be to the Father (traditional)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 92:1-4

Anthem

African Psalm

Celebration Choir

Children's Sermon

Psalm 150

Hymn

We Are Marching (vs. 1)

(Children may go downstairs for Sunday School.)

Hearing the Word

Hymn Story

Hymn

(1636) **Now Thank We All Our God**

Hymn Story

Hymn

(1901) **This Is My Father's World**

Hymn

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (vs. 1,2,4)

Responding to the Word

Offering

**Response

(1674) **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Life in the Community

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

O Lord God,
Creator above us,
Spirit within us,
Lord ahead of us,
open us to yourself,
that we may become transparent to ourselves.

**Make us masters of ourselves,
that we may be the servants of others.**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we bless you for the gift of our lives.

**We bless you
for the invisible fibers of loyalty and trust
that bind us to the people we love and care for,
for care and love for our children,
for the gifts you've allowed us to discover within ourselves,
and for the gifts other people have given us by giving of themselves.**

(Silence)

We pray to you
for our friends and the people we care about,
for people whose life has somehow become boring and lusterless,
whose health is poor,
whose hope for the years ahead is dim,
and whose death is near.

(Silence)

O Spirit of Christ,
give us a joy that outlasts our sorrows,
give us a hope stronger than the despair of our discouragement,
and give us a new belief that we have reason to rejoice—

**to be glad for who we are because you made us and gave us life,
and all we have is a gift from you.**

Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, who has taught us to pray:
[Lord's Prayer]

Closing Hymn (1969) **Pass It On

**Challenge & Blessing

**Responsive Reading Psalm 135: 1, 3

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord.

Leader: Praise Him, O you servants of the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

We will sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

Closing Response **Sent Forth by God's Blessing (vs. 2)

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able to do so*

The hymn background is taken from Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan



Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased to have you worshiping with us this morning. We provide this information to help you fully participate in the worship of God. Please take a moment to sign the guest book on the stand in the back of the sanctuary (worship space) to the left of the drinking fountain. We invite you to stay for our fellowship time following the service. Feel free to help yourself to the coffee and hot water (for tea) that is available in the back of the sanctuary before and after

worship.

Everything you need to participate in worship is on the screen. If you are able, you are invited to stand when the congregation stands.

Restrooms are in the back of the sanctuary on the left.

There is information on the activities at Delta on the counter in the Commitment Center. The Commitment Center is on your left as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome the sound of children in worship. If your young child is distracting to **you**, you are welcome to do any of the following:

- Get up and move to the back. The colorful bags have small items designed to keep children busy. They are welcome to play with them on the floor in front of the Commitment Center, or you may take the bags to your seats.
- There is a nursery available downstairs. Exit the sanctuary via the door on the right and go straight down the stairs. The nursery (101) is at the foot of the steps on the right. Pagers are available to notify you if your child needs you.
- There is a cry room (202) where you can take your child. Instead of going downstairs, go down the hall and the cry room is on the right. You can view the worship service through a window. The cry room is equipped with a changing table.

Preschool through early elementary children are dismissed following the Children's Sermon. They may either return to their seats, or go downstairs to the Nursery (101 infants & toddlers), or Sunday School (Room 107) Older elementary and youth are dismissed during the offering to go down to the gathering room, except when there is a Fellowship Meal following worship.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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