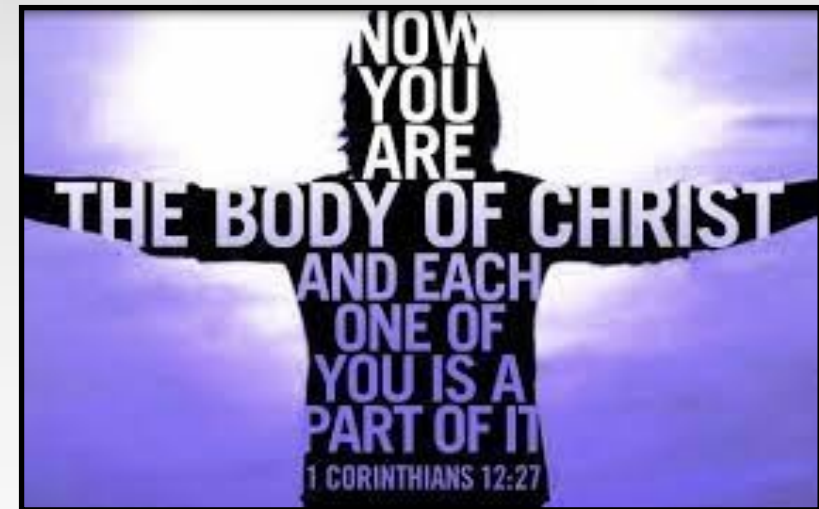


“We Are The Body of Christ”



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**Third Sunday after
Epiphany
January 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

WELCOME

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" # 316 (vs. 1,2,6)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the ears of all people be attentive; the heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork. Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Leader: Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church.

People: As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

Leader: Hear once again the laws and commandments. Find them sure and right and true for all.

People: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness. We seek true community in which all are honored.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 614

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG "If We Are the Body"

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 12: 12-31a (NRSV) Pastor Mary

SERMON "We Are The Body of Christ" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We are part of the body of Christ which extends around the world. Together, we form a caring community, united in spite of many differences in appearance, understanding, and function. If others are suffering, we, too, will suffer. When we have the ability to help, it is a joy to do so. May our offerings preach good news, proclaim liberty, and recover among us all the ability to see and hear and respond.

OFFERTORY/SPECIAL MUSIC "All of Creation" Katie Maurer

*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #397

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(* All who are able, please stand when noted.)