



Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2021
10:30 a.m.

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

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Prelude

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth - 1 Chronicles 16:29-30

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 19:1-4)

The Rev. Aaron J. Suber

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.

Pastor: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

People: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world

† Indicates the congregation standing

† Hymn of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

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† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

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Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord's Prayer

Together as God's People

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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

† We Confess Our Sin and Affirm Our Faith

Elder

Leader: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Amazing Grace!

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Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with various note values and rests. Chord symbols G, D7, Em, C, G, and D7 are placed above the staff.

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

Musical notation for the second system, featuring a bass clef and a 3/4 time signature. The accompaniment is written on a single staff with various note values and rests.

Musical notation for the third system, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody continues with various note values and rests. Chord symbols C, G, Em, G, D7, and G are placed above the staff.

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

Musical notation for the fourth system, featuring a bass clef and a 3/4 time signature. The accompaniment continues with various note values and rests.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779
St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
Traditional American melody
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

† **The Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the response, “And also with you.”)

Morning Prayer

Rev. Suber

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Scan this code to give your tithes and offerings online.



Offertory

† **Doxology**

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.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading

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Genesis 1:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Gospel Foundations: A Study of Genesis 1-11

“In The Beginning”

(scripture and outline next page)

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Text

Genesis 1: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. [2] The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

† Hymn of Response (1-2) and Hymn of Dedication (3-4)

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Break Thou the Bread of Life

From now on give us this bread. John 6:34

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 3. Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
 4. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
 as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;
 thy ho - ly Word the truth that sav - eth me;
 that he may touch mine eyes and make me see:

through - out the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord,
 then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;
 give me to eat and live with thee a - bove;
 show me the truth con - cealed with - in thy Word,

my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.
 and I shall find my peace, my All in all.
 teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.
 and in thy Book re - vealed I see the Lord.

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

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Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Please note the bread is not gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† **Hymn of Dedication – Deacons’ Fund Offering**

146 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (3-4, see previous page)

† **Benediction**

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† **Hymn of Dismissal**

34 *The God of Abraham Praise* (6)

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high; “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry. Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Postlude

† Indicates the congregation standing