

**HOPE CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**SEASON OF RECONCILIATION**  
January 21, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE *All Nature Sings*  
*Meditation on BACH*  
*Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn*

G. Walker  
C. Cooman  
J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the LORD who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

**Amen.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from God comes my salvation.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before the LORD;**

**God is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;

**in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.**

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;

**if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this; that power belongs to God,

**and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.**

**For you repay to all according to their work.**

*from Psalm 62*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Purple #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

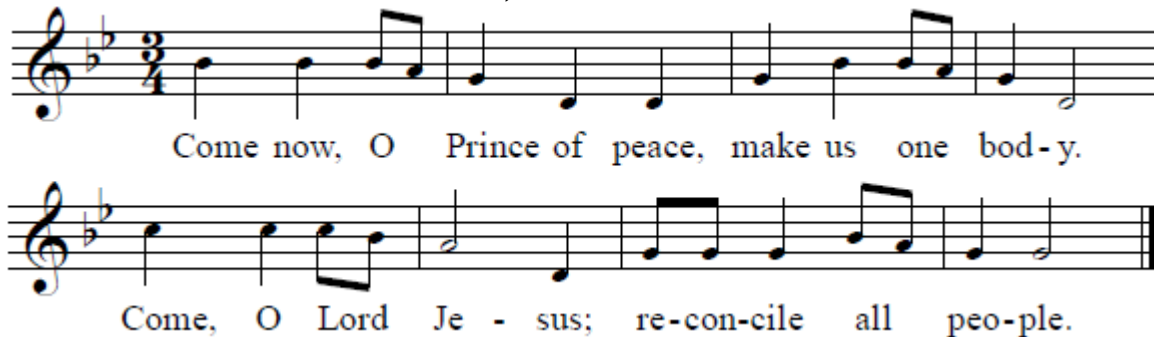
BEECHER

\*SALUTATION

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\*Congregation to rise in body or spirit,  
**Bold type indicates congregational response**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod-y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; re-con-cile all peo-ple.

God of unity,  
**we are divided and broken  
and we cannot mend ourselves.**  
We are divided within ourselves,  
**filled with conflicting desires and fears.**  
We are divided from one another,  
**building barriers that hem in and shut out.**  
We are divided from you,  
**drowning out your voice and losing our way.**  
God of unity,  
**we are divided and broken and we cannot mend ourselves.**

*prayer continues in stillness*

God of grace,  
**we are turned to your Spirit  
to gift us with wholeness and hope.**  
**Heal our hearts with your tender love.**  
**Heal our lives with your clarion call to justice.**  
**Heal our faith with your living word of truth.**  
**Through Jesus Christ, your gift of life and our true light.**

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace ~ repeat as before*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE TO GRATEFUL LIVING

RESPONSE *Christ Be Our Light*  
*congregation will sing twice*



Christ, be our Light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

\*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children ages 3 through grade 5 leave for Children in Worship*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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PSALM 62 *In God Alone*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace." The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

For God alone my soul waits in silence, from him comes my salvation.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.  
How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you,  
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.  
They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.  
For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. **Refrain**  
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.  
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us. **Refrain**  
Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.  
Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes of robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.  
Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,  
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *Cleaning Fish*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ~ *silent meditation*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH *from the Belhar Confession 1986, South Africa*

**We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the Church by Word and Spirit, as God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian Church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the Church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the Church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the Church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that the Church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

LIFE OF HOPE

WITNESS TO RECONCILIATION

CALL TO PRAYER *Open Unto Me*  
*congregation will sing twice*



Op-en un-to me light for my dark-ness. Light for my dark-ness o-pen un-to me.



Op-en un-to me light for my dark - ness. Op-en un - to me, O God.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*Throughout the prayer the following response will be used:*

Lord, in your mercy;

**Hear our prayer.**

*. . . ending with the Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, and pass it back.*

Offertory *I Dream a World*

arr. J. Szymko

I dream a world where man  
No other man will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth  
And peace its paths adorn.  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul  
Nor avarice blights our day.  
A world I dream where black or white,  
Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth  
And every man is free,  
Where wretchedness will hang its head  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all mankind -  
Of such I dream, my world!

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
\* Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

**\*or praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN *Purple #726 Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on BACH*

C. Cooman

*Those wishing to listen to the postlude are welcome to remain in the sanctuary.*

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