

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025 10:30 AM

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Tell Out, My Soul" J. Wayne Kerr

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place.

All: **Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

One: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

All: **Our lives need moments of rest.**

One: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

All: **Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.**

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "O Come to Me, You Weary" #484 vv.1-3**

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

“O come to me, you weary, and I will give you rest.”

The blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that has no ending, of love which does not cease.

“O come to me, you wanderers, and I will give you light.”

The loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;

But morning brings us gladness and songs for each new day.

“O come to me, you fainting, and I will give you life!”

The cheering voice of Jesus, which stills our inner strife!

The evil one surrounds us and would our faith subdue,

But you are strong within us, our courage brave and true.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION ⁽¹⁾**

Patient God, forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity.

Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just rest in the embrace of your loving care.

Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you,

not out of exhaustion but out of passion for your Word. *(moment of silent confession)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear the good news! God’s gracious love awaits us, refreshing your souls, and opening your hearts.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE: “O Come to Me, You Weary” v.4**

“All you who come and seek me will never be cast out.”

The welcome voice of Jesus, which drives away our doubt!

And though we are unworthy of love so free and true,

We hear your call to sinners; in trust we come to you.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM “A Joyful Song to the Lord” Karen Crane and Jennifer Klein

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "The Church's One Foundation" #386 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
We are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
With precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
One charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
To one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

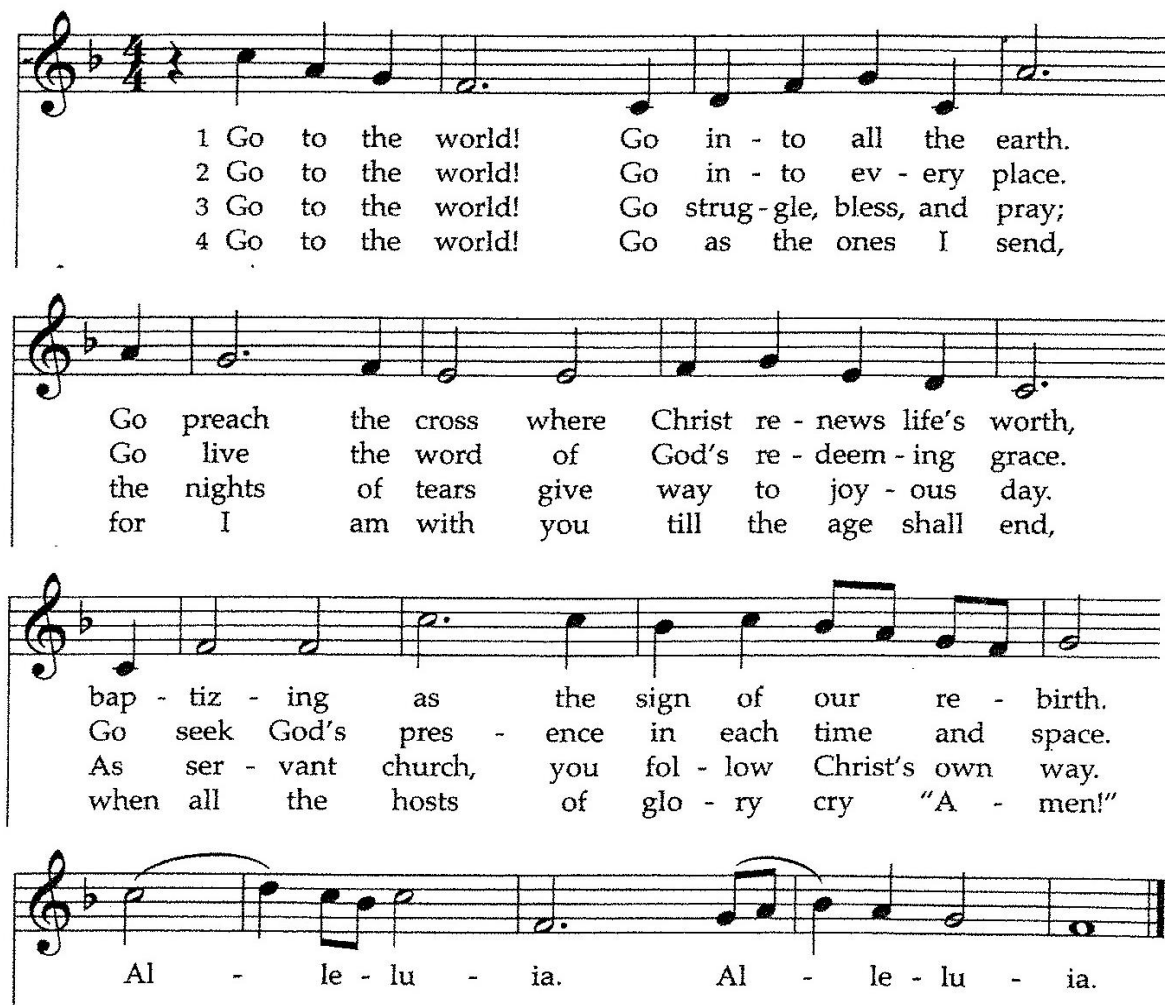
OFFERTORY "Greet the Rising Sun" Chinese Tune: "Le P'ing"
Setting by David Christiansen

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* COMMISSIONING HYMN "Go to the World!" #295 *Glory to God Hymnal*



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Minuet" from "Suite Gothique" Leon Boellmann

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