## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM January 21st, 2024

<sup>5</sup> Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. <sup>6</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. Psalm 62:5-6

PRELUDE Debbe Picerno

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

P: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

L: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**ALL: Praise the Lord!** 

**OPENING PRAYER** 

\*HYMNS "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 686
"In Christ Alone"

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

**CALL TO OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** 

\*OFFERING RESPONSE: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 4:5-8

ANTHEM Special Music Debbe Picerno

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Job 3:20-26

SERMON "Lamenting in Suffering" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" No. 705

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Elders Greeters: Connie Lamb

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore
Liturgist: Julie Freehling
Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann
Child Care: Katie Schultz

	THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR	
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
•	11 AM	Sunday School
	6-8 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	7 PM	Choir
Sunday, Jan 28th:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School

**Lowri House Stuffed Animal Drive-** We will be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals during the month of January to help kids in emergency situations. They will be given to advocacy homes, police stations, ambulances, the Red Cross, and other responders who might encounter children in need. There is a box in the Narthex.

**Year End Giving Statements-** Are available in the Library for pickup. Please call the office with any questions or concerns. Please let us know if we need to mail your statement.

**Souper Bowl Food Drive-** Our Youth Group will be collecting the following items for the food pantry from now until February 4<sup>th</sup>; canned soup, canned fruit and vegetables, canned chicken and tuna, pasta, rice, cereal, mac & cheese, pasta sauce, juice, and peanut butter. Please place items on the table in the Library. We are also accepting cash donations for the Youth Group to shop for food.

**Faith & Fellowship Nights**- Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, beginning Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> with dinner served at 5:30 and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7. More information coming soon.

**Meridian Care Team-** Will meet on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> following worship in Parker Hall.

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January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 "Lamenting in Suffering" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin