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Third Sunday  
after  
**Epiphany**  
January 26, 2025



Christ in the synagogue of Nazareth, ca 1350 fresco  
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# JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## ORDINARY TIME AFTER EPIPHANY

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come into this sacred space to worship God  
**whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.**  
Come into this holy place to worship God  
**whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgments are true.**  
Come with holy fear —  
**to be given life, and made wise,**  
to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.  
**Come — let us worship God.**

#### SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

#### \*\*PRAY: *(After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)*

Holy God, we come before you in prayer, lifting to you the joys and concerns, the hopes and dreams of our lives. May we also be open to your voice in our lives that we may see with new eyes, and hear with new ears, the direction you will have us to go.

Bless, we pray, this gathering of your people that we may grow and flourish in your love and grace for the purpose to which you have called us. Hear our prayers for those whose lives have touched us—those who are in pain, those who are ill, those who grieve. May we touch their lives not only through our prayers, but through our lives and actions as well.

Guide us, bless us, uplift us, and hold us, for we are your children called to our purpose in your world. Hear our prayers, those spoken and those hidden in our hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, **Our Father...**

#### SING A HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 1, 5, 6 ..... (UMH #57) (CCLI 20203297)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

#### READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:14-21

#### SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

**READ OR LISTEN:** The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry ..... (See Insert) Pastor Nan

**RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED:** ..... (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

#### \*\*\*OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor. Bless our gifts and bless us as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those who are unknown to us, and also to those who are near and beloved. Amen.

#### INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

#### \*\*\*\*BENEDICTION: *(Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

#### REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Read Luke 4:14-21. Underline or jot down any words or phrases that stand out for you. Review your list. Why were these words or phrases so important to you? What questions or comments would you have had if you had been in the congregation at Jesus' home synagogue in Nazareth?

#### OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

As you look at verses 18-19 from Luke 4, what steps might you take to bring good news to the poor, help to release those who are physically or metaphorically held captive,? What can you do to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, that is, Jubilee (Numbers 25)?

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\*<https://thebillabong.info/lectionary-2/year-c-luke/11c-epiphany-3c/>

\*\*<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/07/pastoral-prayer.html>

\*\*\*<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/epiphany-3c-january-23/>

\*\*\*\* Aaronic blessing, Numbers 6:24-26