

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**                    *“Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing”* by Edward H Plumptre  
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**Call to Worship**

The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

**We gather to hear God’s liberating word of love.**

Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

**May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.**

May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

**And may it be enacted in our lives!**

**\*Hymn**                    *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*                    *New Century Hymnal #4*  
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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted.**

**Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Anthem**                    *“Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled”*                    by Lloyd Larson

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**Scripture**                    1 Corinthians 12:12-31                    **Bill Harvey**

**A Time with All God’s Children**                    *You Are the Body of Christ*

**\*Hymn**                    *“God of Change and Glory”*                    *New Century Hymnal #177*  
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**Sermon**                    *“Unity in Diversity”*                    **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

*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.*

## Prayer Response

***“O Thou Who Hearest Every Heart Felt Prayer”*** by Frederick C. Atkinson

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## Call to Offering

### Offertory

**\*Doxology** Pilgrim Hymnal #515 \*[alternative words] © public domain

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow***

***Praise Him [God], all creatures here below***

***Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host***

***Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen***

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

### \*Hymn

***“They’ll Know We Are Christians”***

*please see insert*

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## Benediction

**Benediction Response** ***“Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*** attrib. John Fawcett

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## Postlude

Worship Liturgy: ***Proclaim: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Epiphany Year C*** was written by the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ.

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13**Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven.*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

## God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmine, 1973

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

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*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.