

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

9:00 AM

## CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 151      *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

## CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Help us God for we are Your people and You are our mighty fortress. We lift our eyes to heavens for we know that You are our help. Forgive us for our resistance to grow into the image of Christ despite Your help. You know there are two laws at work in our wills, one which desires to follow You and the other desires to follow our broken human nature. It seems at times there is no good in us. We wonder who will deliver us from this body of death? Let the parched bones of our souls hear the Word of Lord. Let the spirits that are shattered by our sins be healed and made strong. Let the weak knees of fear and limp hands of despair realize that You are the Lord that lifts the burdens and helps the helpless. We thank You that You are Lord Almighty and You will never change. We praise You that Your Son has given us eternal life and resurrection through Your redeeming power. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response      *Hymn 139*

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness, great is they faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand has provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."*

## RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

†Doxology      *Hymn 815*

†Fourth Stanza of America      *Pew Hymnal, page 807*

*Our Fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.*

†Affirmation of Faith      *Adapted from the Second Helvetic Confession 5.024*  
*In all crises and trials of our life we call upon Him alone, and that by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. For we have been explicitly commanded: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said: "If you ask anything of the Father, He will give it to you," and: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Since we do believe in God alone, we assuredly call upon Him alone, and we do so through Christ. For as the apostle says, "There is one God and there is one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus," and, "If any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn 147      *How Great Thou Art*

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture      *Ezekiel 37:7-14*      *Page 1346*

Message      *Seeking Holy Ground in 2023: Revive*  
*Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady*

## CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 549      *Higher Ground*

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