

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 22, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Opening (Stand) # 345 "Jesus Calls US o'er the Tumult" GALILEE

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Do not conceal or keep to yourselves.
what you know of the mercies of the Lord.

Tell the glad news of deliverance.

Tell of God's faithfulness to the great congregation!

Happy are the humble who make the Lord their trust.

Happy are those who wait patiently for the Lord,

Surely our cause is with you, O Lord.

Nothing and no one can compare with you,

If I were to tell of God's wondrous deeds

They could never be counted!

Let us sing a new song to the Lord,

A song of praise to our incomparable God.

*Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship,
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*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith # "10,000 Reasons"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Sonia Roling

The First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ John 1:29-42

*Responsorial (Stand) 344 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ASSAM

*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.



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Prayer of Dedication – Be glorified, O God, you who require no sacrifice. For we have nothing to sacrifice that is not already yours, but we delight to do your will, and we desire to have your word on our lips, your love in our hearts. May your Spirit descend upon us once again, and upon these offerings dedicated to your name, that in their distribution you would be exalted.

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

**Whose Wisdom?
Reverend Art Campbell**

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Closing Hymn (Stand) # "The Blessings" *Worship Team*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

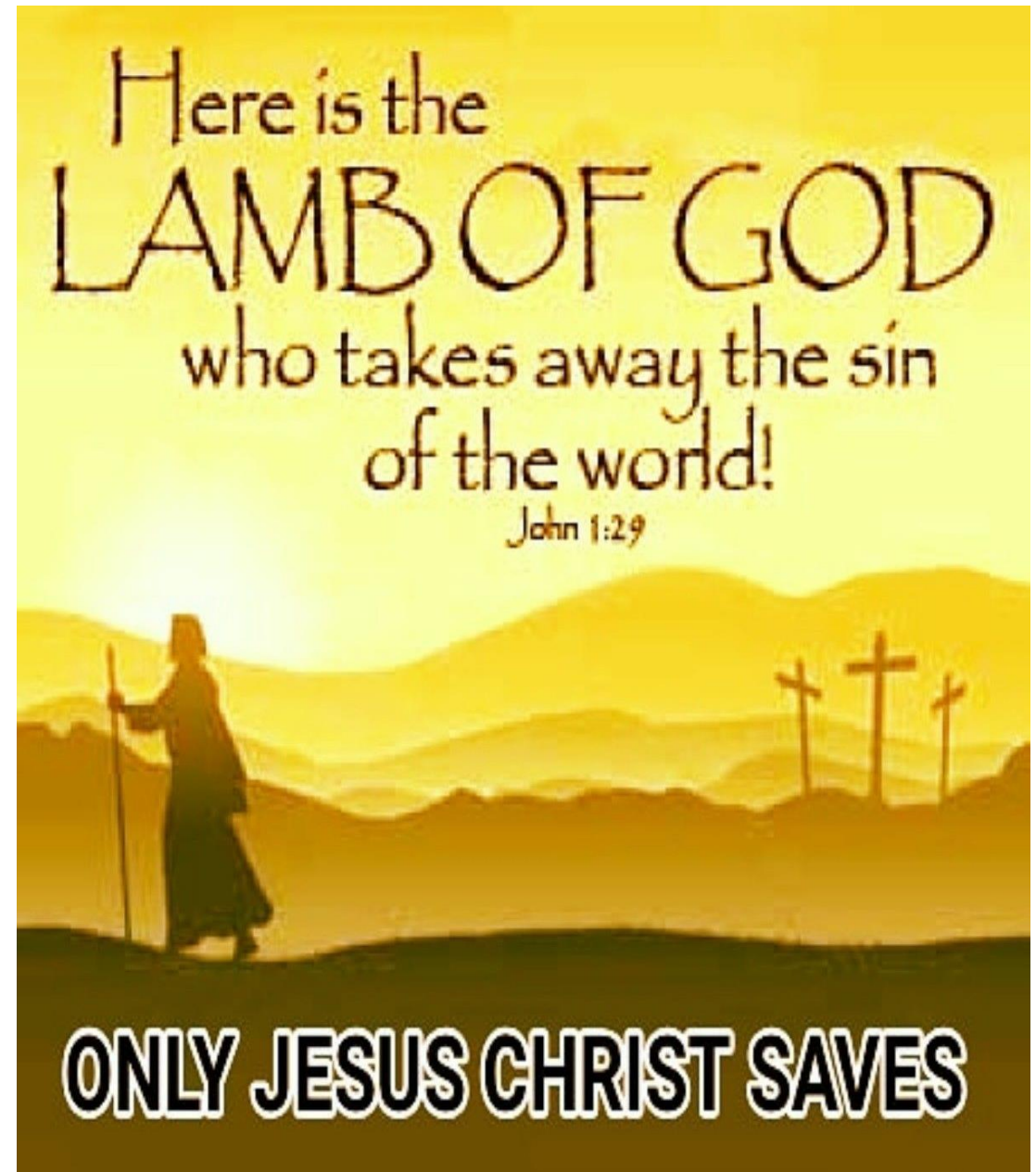
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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