



January 21, 2024 Third Sunday after Epiphany
Come and See! Part 2: About Face

Preparing for Worship: Epiphany Season is an extended invitation to “Come and See” God in our world, and to perceive God’s Dream for each of us. Today’s readings point to the choices we must make when we do “see” what God wants for the world and for us. And it’s not always straightforward, or easy!

Gathering Music Aria from “Goldberg Variations” BWV 988

J.S. Bach

We Approach God

Words of Welcome & Acknowledgment of the Land

Centering & Lighting the Christ Candle

In the name of God, grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

We gather in worship, because somehow, we know God is here,
within, among, between, and around us.

We gather in worship, because in this company, we feel closer to God, made known in Scripture, song, Word and silence.

We gather in worship, because it helps us to live our lives with intention and purpose,
as we do our part to make God’s healing love known among our
family, friends, neighbours, strangers.

We gather in worship, because we have heard God call our names.
This is our answer: to gather to worship the God of Life.

Opening Hymn Praise God for this Holy Ground

MV 42

Prayer for Gathering and Reflection

We Listen for God’s Word

Let’s open the pages of the Bible
and set the words free, as God’s Holy Spirit breathes wisdom from these ancient texts
onto the pages of our own lives.

Reading the Gospel Mark 1:14-20

This is the witness of Scripture to God’s Dream
Thanks be to God.

Anthem Come, Follow Me

Joel Raney

Sermon Come and See! Part 2: About Face

Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Jones

Congregational Response Come and See Stations and online activity

Re-gathering Song I Have Called You by Your Name

MV 161

We Respond to God

Offering Our Time, Talent and Treasure

Supporting CPU's ministries of caring and healing, compassion, justice seeking, and creation care, through our gifts of money, time, and talent.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, for the gifts you have given,
we give you our thanks.

For the gifts that we have the opportunity to give,
we give you our thanks.

Bless all of these gifts, received and given, for the work of your church,
here and in the world, so that all may know your love.

This we pray as disciples of Jesus Christ, and followers of his Way. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by Darrell Raine, Westminster UC, Regina SK, in Gathering, A/C/E p.47 2024)

Prayers of the Community

Prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving

Prayers for the world

Prayers for one another

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung) VU 960

We Prepare to Serve God in the World

Closing Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

Sending Out with Blessing

Postlude Au lac de Wallenstadt

Franz Liszt

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