

Third Sunday after Epiphany, Year B January 31, 2021

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Do not be ashamed to testify in faith and love. God gives us not a spirit of cowardice, but of power and love.

*SCRIPTURE READING2 Timothy 1:1-14

* OPENING HYMN: # 140..... Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The faith we have in our hearts ought to express itself in the life we live.

People: We are not ashamed of Christ, but we know there is more faith in our hearts than in our living.

Leader: If we let him, God's Spirit will enable US to live our faith thereby strengthening our faith as well as encouraging others.

People: We want our lives to show the wonderful love God has given to us through Christ Jesus his Son!

* Let us pray (Congregation):

Eternal God, whose Spirit is an ever-present source of power, Strengthen us by your Spirit that the faith we have in our hearts may come to life in our daily living, being an effective witness of our salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

338..... Where He Leads Me (vs 1 & 4)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

O Lord, we hold in our hearts a faith that is convinced of the love you have expressed in your Son, Jesus. But our sin is that we have held it in our hearts instead of expressing it through our living. Forgive us for not drawing on the power of your Holy Spirit to help us put our faith into action. Give us strength to be living examples of your redemptive love in Christ Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

* LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

507 Through It All

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Know that sincere faith- even faith the size of a tiny seed- can work wonders in all of us.

Embrace the compassion and the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 17:5-6

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: “We have to have faith”

* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

* CLOSING HYMN: # 378..... Amazing Grace

* DISMISSAL BLESSING

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1st Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NKJV)

1 Paul, an apostle of ^{to} Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, **4** greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, **5** when I call to remembrance the ^{to} genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. **6** Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, **9** who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, **10** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, **11** to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher ^{to} of the Gentiles. **12** For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. **14** That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5-6 (NKJV)

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

**LET YOUR
FAITH
BE BIGGER
THAN YOUR
FEARS**

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