



The Gathering

@Northfield United Methodist Parish

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany

We invite you to silence your phones prior to the start of worship.

Gathering

Greetings and Ministry Updates

Praise

*The Call to Worship

Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!

May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

And may it all begin with our worship of God.

*Songs of Praise

- *Let the River Flow*
Lyrics on back
- *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
UMH 121, Vss 1+2 & 3+4
To the tune of "Come Thou Fount..."

*Affirming Our Faith From Romans 8

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither death nor life,
Nor angels, nor principalities,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
Nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Giving Glory to God (*The Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Listening for God to Speak

The Story of Faith

Luke 4:16-30

Common English Bible

¹⁶ Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.*

He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed,

¹⁹ *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*^[e]

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

²² Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

²³ Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" ²⁴ He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

²⁸ When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. ²⁹ They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

The Word in Song

The Word Proclaimed Rev. Jay Voorhees

*Hymn of Response

- *In Christ There Is No East or West*
UMH 548

The Work of the Church

Celebrating God's Gifts

- Sharing God's Presence This Week
- Presenting Our Offerings

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
 - The Prayers of the People
 - The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Our Choral Benediction *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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Let the River Flow

Verse

Let the poor man say I am rich in Him
Let the lost man say I am found in Him
Woah oh, let the river flow

Let the blind man say I can see again
Let the dead man say I am born again
Whoa, oh, let the river flow
Whoa oh, let the river flow

Chorus

Let the river flow, Let the river flow
Holy Spirit come and move in power
Let the river flow, let the river flow
Let the river flow, let the river flow

Repeat verse and chorus

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