Sunday, January 22, 2017 **Eleven O'Clock A.M.**

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Prelude *Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult* arr. J. Jones
Tune: Galilee

Welcome
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Call to Worship
Leader: God, gracious light-bearer, into the shadows of our isolation you speak words of life and community.
People: Challenger of our lives, you call us from places we call home to lead us more deeply into the world you love.
Leader: With your gentle, healing touch you redeem the broken places of our lives and you heal the wounded places on earth.
People: Inspire our worship here this day, so that we may receive liberation in your word, and be filled to overflowing to share your reconciling love throughout the earth.
Leader: O God, be among and within us! Be our guide and our light, we pray.
People: May we live in your dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of your home.

Invocation

*Hymn No. 70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

First Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4* Pew Bible Pg. 555

***Prayer of Confession**
Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose, but we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division. We quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith. Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body into Christ's death and resurrection. Teach us to hold fast to those promises which draw us together in the Spirit, so that we may proclaim the power of Christ's life and ministry with one voice. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Leader: There is no place, not even in our hearts, where the love of God cannot penetrate. God is around and among us, healing, restoring and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ. Friends, believe the good news of God.
People: By God's grace, we are made whole.

***Gloria Patri** *Ode to Joy*
Glory be to God, Creator, Glory be to God the Christ,
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever present, ever One;
From the time of our beginnings, life beyond death's claim on us;
Life and Light and Love unending, we are precious in your sight. Amen.

Anthem *Offertory* (*Micah 6:6-8*) John Ness Beck

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-18* Pew Bible Pg. 926

*Hymn No. 591 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Call to Give

Offertory *Blessed Jesu, We are Here* J.S. Bach

***Doxology** *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Response *Beautiful Savior* arr. R. Willis

Third Reading *Matthew 4:12-23* Pew Bible Pg. 785

Sermon *Casting & Mending* Rev. Elizabeth M. Lott

*Hymn No. 710 *We Are Called to Be God's People*

Announcements & Benediction

Postlude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* J. Barney, arr. D. Wood

*Congregation Standing