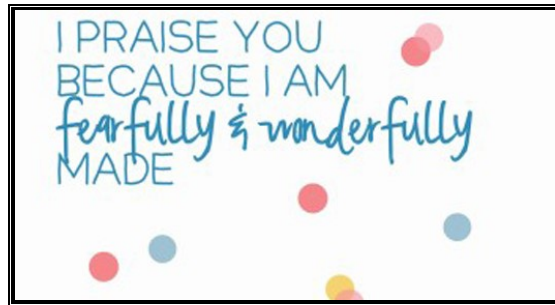


**A Service of Worship—Season of Epiphany
Old Dutch Church
January 14, 2018**



Gathering Music

Greeting & God's Welcome

***Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 139, responsive*)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who created the heavens and the earth,
and is now making all things new. **All: Amen.**

O God, my Creator, you have searched me and you know me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down.

You are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O God, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before; you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret;

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all my days, when none as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—

I am still with you. I am yours. I open myself to your presence.

***Hymn #529**

"Gather Us In"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Creator of my mind and my heart, of my body and my spirit,
you know me better than I know myself. You love me more than I love myself.

Today, I offer you all that I am, and all that I am not.

I offer you my fears and confusions, my best intentions and mixed motivations,
my bent desires and longing heart, my misses and my graces.

...a time of silent reflection

We offer ourselves to you trusting that by your grace and forgiveness—
what is needed will be supplied, what is broken will be healed,
what is lost will be found, what is dead will be made alive.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Savior and Light of the world. Amen.

Song

“Come Light, Light of God ” (sung 3 times)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Come, light, light of God, o'er-whelm all cre-a-tion. En-light-en our hearts; let your light dwell in us." Chord markings are placed above the treble staff: F, Dm, C, F, Bb, F, Gm, F, Bb, Gm, C, Am, Bb, F.

Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, hear these words of assurance: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; he rose for us; he prays for us; he reigns in power for us. The promise of the gospel is that anyone who is in Christ Jesus is a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has already come. Receive this good news and walk in the light of God’s love.

God’s Way for Us

L: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Bless those who persecute you. Welcome the stranger, and live in harmony with all.

Sharing the Peace

In the beginning of time, when the world was brand new, and God's first light appeared, harmony and peace filled the creation. In the middle of time, when connections were torn and peace seemed far away, Jesus came to restore creation's harmony and bring peace to the world. In joy, we greet one another saying: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Gloria Patri

We move into Bethany Hall singing "This Little Light of Mine"

Prayer for Illumination

Story from Scripture 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Reflection & Conversation at Table *(in groups of three...)*

The Psalmist reminds us that God created each of us "fearfully and wonderfully," that God knows each us of completely, and God is with us through always. God has created you with unique gifts and abilities and God invites you to offer yourself and your gifts to God and neighbor. Sometimes we are clear about our gifts and abilities and how we can offer ourselves, and sometimes, as the story of Samuel reminds us, others, like Eli, help us to know our gifts and to hear God's call and invitation.

With these questions, think about your life and share with one another:

Do you have a story of how *someone else*, or *some event* in your life, helped you to see and offer your gifts and yourself? If yes, share that story with others.

What are the some of your gifts? What are you naturally good at? What do you enjoy? What gifts have you discovered and developed over the years? (write these down....)

How can you give from what you've been given? What gifts can you offer to the ministry and mission of Old Dutch Church as we serve one another and our larger community? (write these down....)

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

Presentation of Our Offerings—*Place your offerings in the baskets on the tables*

*Hymn

“Here I am, Lord”

G C/G G C/G G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 C Am Am7/G D/F# D7/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em Am7 C Am G/B C D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain D G Gsus G C/G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

G Am7 G/B Am/C

I have heard you call - ing in the night.

D G Gsus G C/E

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

G Am7 D7 G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Beloved of God, the Holy Supper that we celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, and to die our death, that we might be redeemed and raised to new life.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us to the end of the age, and who in gathering us to himself, makes of us one body, sharing life and unity in him.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup, are a pledge and a foretaste of God's new heaven and new earth, where in the fullness of time, we shall behold God with unveiled faces, and fully share in God's glory. (continued over)

Jesus said, I was hungry and you gave me food; **I was thirsty and you gave me drink.**
Here is the bread of life given for us; **let all who hunger come and eat.**
Here is the fruit of the vine, transformed and poured out for us; **let all who thirst come and drink.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Holy and right it is to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, O God our Creator.
Source of all life and goodness, you created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty.
You give us life and being, and preserve us by your providence.

Though we disobeyed, you kept your covenant of love in choosing Israel to be your people. You have shown us the fullness of your love in sending your Son Jesus Christ, to deliver your whole creation from the power of sin and death, and to free us for new life and joyful obedience.

With your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. United with Christ in his suffering, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the power of God to triumph over evil, we wait in joyful hope for the fullness of God’s reign, proclaiming:

“Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again in full glory.”

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Words of Consecration

We Share the Supper with One Another

Saying: “The body of Christ given for you”; “The blood of Christ poured out for you”

Choir “We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light” arr. Hal H. Hopson

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

E A D A D B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

A D Bm E D Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like eag - les on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

We Offer Ourselves & Our Gifts—add your name to your reflections, and leave it on the table as you go forth from this place

Benediction

God goes before you to lead you;

God goes behind you to guard you;

God goes beneath you to support you;

God goes beside you to befriend you.

God is within you giving life and peace.

Let the blessing of God come upon you, this day and all days.

God created you. God loves you. God is with you always.

We go in peace to love and serve God and your neighbor.

The Worship Committee—Lydia Newcombe, Dewi Pangaribuan, Gilbert Plantinga, and Rob Sweeney—leads our Service today, and provides for our Fellowship time following worship. Pastor Renee is leading worship at a retreat for ministers and their spouses this weekend.

Music printed in the bulletin is from *Lift Up Your Hearts: Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs* (Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Resources, c2013). Multiple copies owned, copied for convenience.

ONGOING MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

Music - Mendelssohn Club, Monday - 6:30 pm; Community Chorus, Wednesday – 1 pm; Old Dutch Choir, Thursday - 7 pm; Fine Arts Recitals, Thursday – 12:15 pm (Spring & Fall)

Support/12 Step Groups – AA - Tuesday & Thursday - 9 am; Thursday - 7 pm; Al-Anon - Tuesday - 7:15 pm
Debtors' Anonymous - Monday - 6:30 pm (BDA); Wednesday - 6:30 pm (DA)
GRASP (Autism Support Group) - 4th Saturday - 12 noon
Peer to Peer - Thursday - 5:30 pm; SLAA - Friday - 7 pm; 1st Friday - 5:30 pm

God's Word - Worship & Sunday School, Sunday - 10:30 am; Bible Study, Tuesday - 7:00 pm;
Healing Services, 4th Wednesday - 7:00 pm, September - June

Crafts - Sew Happy!, Thursdays - 5 pm; Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2nd Sunday – 12 noon;
Crafts on Wall Street - 1st & 3rd Saturday - 9 am (June through mid-Nov.)

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Statement of Identity and Mission

We are a community of Christ in the heart of Kingston. We have received and we proclaim the good news of God's reconciling, welcoming, and transforming love in Jesus Christ. As a Reformed congregation, we strive to embrace all of God's people regardless of age, race, color, history, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, mental or physical abilities, or social-economic status.

Through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to be both sign and instrument of God's reign by welcoming every person to worship, love and serve God, and to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves.

We embrace the following missions:

- To offer God's word, prayer, and the sacraments
- To offer community, education, and music
- To offer sanctuary, care, and advocacy
- To offer hospitality to and partnership with community groups
- To steward and offer the gifts we have been given, including our Reformed traditions, our heritage, and our space.

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