

# The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

10:00 am

Rev. Alexander Arthurs, Pastor  
Larry J. Carey, Director of Music

**Thought for Worship:** *“Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a person must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: ‘You were bought at a price’, and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.”* Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *The Cost of Discipleship*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

*Abide with Me*

Monk/Fettke

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Votum**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Amen**

**Opening Sentences**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

We gather around the words of Christ:

**“Come, and follow me.”**

We gather around the voice of the Spirit:

**“Come, and follow me.”**

Let us worship God together

**and follow Christ into the world.**

**Salutation**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

## Prayer of Confession

O Holy God,  
you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you,  
yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.  
We distract ourselves from your call  
with busyness, stress, and worry.  
We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism,  
and hatred that disguises itself as fear.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,  
open our ears to hear your voice saying to us,  
“Follow me.”  
Through the calling Christ we pray. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Those who trust in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will rise up to fly like eagles,  
they will run and not be weary,  
they will walk and not grow faint.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Taken from Isaiah 40:31*

**Thanks be to God!**

## The Law of God

Colossians 3:1-4

## \*Gloria Patri

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*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.*

## \*Commitment to Peace Keeping and Peace Seeking

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Share a sign of peace with one another.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### First Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### \*Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

### Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

The Call and Cost of Discipleship

Pastor Alex

### Silent Reflection

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### **\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **\*Prayers of the People**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

## SENDING

### **\*Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*We Give Thanks to Thee*

Schutte/Hayes

# Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come ... whosoever will ... take the water of life freely — Revelation 22:17 KJV

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel- come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;  
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
4. Let not con-science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.  
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.  
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him.

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

WORDS: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Refrain, Anonymous  
MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

RESTORATION  
8.7.8.7. with Refrain

## Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with lyrics underneath and a bass clef staff below. The second system also has a treble clef staff with lyrics underneath and a bass clef staff below. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff and below the bass staff.

**System 1:**

- Treble staff: G, D7, G, C, B
- Lyrics:
  - 1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea,
  - 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor-ship of the vain world's gold-en store,
  - 3 Long a - go ap - os - tles heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
- Bass staff: (Chords corresponding to the treble staff)

**System 2:**

- Treble staff: E7, A7, D7, G, G7, C, D7, G
- Lyrics:
 

day by day his voice is sound-ing, say-ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low me."  
 from each i - dol that would keep us, say-ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
 turned from home and work and fam - ily, leav-ing all for his dear sake.
- Bass staff: (Chords corresponding to the treble staff)

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
 days of work and hours of ease,  
 still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
 "Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
 Savior, may we hear your call,  
 give our hearts to your obedience,  
 serve and love you best of all.

Words: Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander, 1852, P.D.  
 Music (GALILEE 8 7.8.7): William H. Jude, 1887, P.D.

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me  
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

## DEAR FRIENDS

Welcome to worship here at Peapack Reformed Church! If you are visiting with us, welcome! If you are a member, welcome back! Our mission is to be a congregation called by God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and committed to being the very presence of Jesus Christ in the world. This mission is the catalyst for all that we do, and is our aim for who we want to be.

If you are visiting with us via Facebook Live and would like more information about our church, send us a message on Facebook or email [office@peapackreformed.org](mailto:office@peapackreformed.org) and we will be in touch with you. Even under these odd and anxious circumstances, we would love to be your church home. Our virtual doors are always open wide and our hearts are always ready to welcome new faces into our fellowship

Please keep Barbara D, Walter F, Jan & Steve M, Carole & Ron W and Randy Z in your prayers this week.



If you have a friend or a family member who is looking for a worshipping community on Sunday, please invite them to worship with us. You can invite them to join us at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeapackReformedChurch/videos>

Please take a picture/video of yourself or your family worshipping via Facebook Live and then send them to us! We're the body of Christ no matter if we are gathered or scattered!

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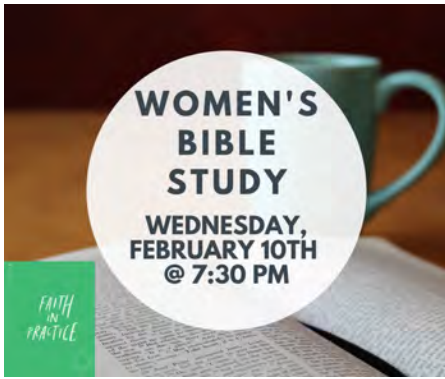
**The annual meeting  
of the  
Congregation  
Sunday, January 31**



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**The Food Pantry continues on!**

Food is distributed Sundays from 5pm-6pm.  
If you would like to make a donation to the pantry,  
please write a check out to Peapack Reformed Church  
with Pop-Up Food Pantry in the Memo Line.  
If you would like to help volunteer for the pantry,  
please contact Sama Habibi: sama.habibi@gmail.com



## PRC Women's Bible Study: Faith in Practice.

The PRC Women's Bible Study will next meet Wednesday, February 10th at 7:30 pm at the church. The group is engaging the Faith in Practice study book from She Reads Truth. Study books are available for purchase for \$15 at the next meeting. If you are interested in growing in community with other women and deepening your faith in Christ, join us! Masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced.

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## Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: Hebrews 5

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97023407703?pwd=bHphcFhsRFh3ODIxZTkveitQZ3hEdz09>



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## Lenten Soul Care: Introduction to Contemplative Prayer with Chuck DeGroat



Does your prayer life feel a little dry? Do you find it difficult to come up with the right words to pray? Does prayer feel like a chore rather than a joy? Join us for a 5 week class during Lent as we delve into what contemplative prayer is and how it can be practiced. The Rev. Dr. Chuck DeGroat, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Western Theological Seminary will lead us through a premade video course that introduces us to and invites us into the life giving practice of contemplative prayer.

The group will meet each Sunday at 7 pm  
beginning February 21st and ending March 21st.

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## Lent Sermon Series: Lenten Invitations

Lent is a season of letting go, cleansing our hearts, and returning to God. Join us during the Lenten season as we consider a different invitation each week that will prepare us to receive the joy and hope of Easter!

