

# WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

## Welcome & Instructions

January 13, 2021

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)

### Centering Prayer

Today we are reminded again, LORD, that you know us more intimately than we know ourselves. You have known us before we were formed, you created our inmost being, you know the number of hairs on our head, our words before we speak them, and the secrets we hold deep inside and you have ordained our days before one of them ever came to be. You have breathed life into us and we are grateful for how fearfully and wonderfully you have made us. We thank you for your constant presence in our lives and for the love, grace and blessings you continue to shower upon us every day. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

### Confession & Forgiveness

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# SONG

CREATION

## Borning Cry

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1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold,  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## GOD SIGHTINGS

### SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

### JOHN 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## MUSIC MINISTRY

## OFFERING

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·Mailing your offering check: Our Father's Lutheran Church, 3903 Gilbert Ave. SE, Rockford, MN 55373

## SONG

### 752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of lyrics is: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;'. The second system of lyrics is: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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## PRAYERS

### THE MEAL

## COMMUNION

*At OFLC, we practice an open table. What that means is all are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### **WE JOIN TOGETHER IN THE WORDS THAT JESUS TAUGHT US IN THE LORD'S PRAYER...**

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## FINAL BLESSING & PASSING OF PEACE

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

As we depart, let us share God's peace with one another.