

Weekly Poem: *Blessing for a Broken Vessel*

Do not despair.
You hold the memory
of what it was
to be whole.
It lives deep
in your bones.
It abides
in your heart
that has been torn
and mended
a hundred times.
It persists
in your lungs
that know the mystery
of what it means
to be full,
to be empty,
to be full again.

I am not asking you
to give up your grip
on the shards you clasp
so close to you

but to wonder what it
would be like
for those jagged edges
to meet each other
in some new pattern
that you have never
imagined,
that you have never dared
to dream.
- Jan Richardson

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A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study.

This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year A for the Second Sunday after Epiphany,
January 15: *Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42.*

Lectionary Year A for Third Sunday after Epiphany,
January 22: *Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.*



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We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

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We are a Hunger Action Congregation.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.



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Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2023 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music

Jared Gill, violin

Call to Worship

One: We are the church:

Many: sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.

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**Many: together with those in every place
who call on the name of Jesus Christ.**

One: We are the church:

**Many: united in our love of our Creator
and our Savior,**

One: united in becoming who God calls us each to be!

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*** Opening Hymn** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you; and return us to the path of righteousness. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.

*** Sung Response** *Glory to God,* Song sheet
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

The Lay Reader today is Kathy Fay.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*
- Craig Courtney

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children's Church, for a time of worship designed especially for them. They will return after the Message.

Second Scripture Reading **Matthew 4:12-23**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message *A Card-carrying Christian*
Dr. Kyle Goodman

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
King James version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation that contributes to the continued life and work of our congregation. Consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
- arr. Mark Hayes

*** Doxology** *Praise God,* Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Sending Hymn** *We All Are One in Mission* Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.