



Coping with Change

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 Service

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP! A warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is a privilege to have you join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus Christ. We want you to feel at home here, so we are providing the following information to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN: If you have little ones with restless hands, Children's Bulletins can be obtained from an usher to help keep the kids occupied.

CONNECTION CARD: When the offering is being collected, all are asked to fill in the Connection Card which is in your bulletin. Please print your address and telephone number on the slip, so that we may better serve you and send you more information.

RESTROOMS AND WATER FOUNTAINS: Restrooms are located near the front and rear entrances to the sanctuary. Signs are located on the wall.

NURSERY: A nursery, with a qualified attendant, is provided for the care of children 3 years old or younger. It is in the back of the church (Luther Hall) and available from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Classes for children age 3 through 6th grade are held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Kid's Connect is held during the 10:30 a.m. service, following the children's message.

A SPECIAL INVITATION for everyone to join us in Adult Bible Classes at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

COFFEE IS SERVED: There is coffee fellowship every Sunday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Breezeway. Come have a cup of joe and enjoy fellowship with one another.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS: Large print bulletins and hymnals are located in the front entrance of the church (narthex). Please ask an usher for assistance.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Please see the communion statement in this bulletin. The Common Cup and individual cups are both available. White grape juice is found at the center of the tray with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine. If you choose the individual cup when communing at the altar, please hold on to it until the chalice has passed. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion in your pew.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER? If you have a previous membership in a Lutheran church, you can transfer your membership to Our Savior by contacting the church office. We will gladly contact your previous church for your transfer. You also may join by profession of faith. New members are welcomed regularly, and "New Member Classes" are scheduled in the fall and spring. For any assistance or information, please call the church office at (954) 473-6888.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.oslplantation.church. Watch sermons and view the Events Calendar and Weekly Newsletter. There also is a link to our Facebook Page.

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Plantation, Florida 33324

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As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connection Card.

Divine Service – 10:30

Prelude *(Bells rung to begin service)*

Announcements

(P=pastor, L=liturgist, C=congregation, R=reader, A=cantor)

(Please stand)

Praise Music

Graves into Gardens

Change My Heart

Invocation



In the Name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We begin by singing to
God about all He has
done for us.

We invoke God's
presence by repeating
the name in which we
were baptized
1 John 1:8-9

Absolution is the formal act of a clergyman in which, by virtue of his office and in the name and stead of Christ, he forgives those who have confessed their sins, affirm their faith in Christ, and promise to amend their lives.

Matthew 16:19;

18:18;

John 20:19-23

The **Service of the Word** centers in the lessons, prayers and sung praises which surround the reading of God's Word.

We call this prayer a "**collect**" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

Confession and Absolution

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L Let us then *kneel* and confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word *Please stand*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

L O God Eternal, in the midst of chaos You bring order. In an everchanging world You are stability. Let us encounter Your unchanging love in Your unfailing grace so that we would have continued peace through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The first lesson is typically taken from a book in the Old Testament.

The second or epistle lesson is generally from Apostles' letters.

(Please be seated)

L An ancient Greek philosopher said, "Change is the only constant in life." Today's lessons from scripture tell us that even in a constantly changing world, God remains the same.

First Reading—1 Samuel 15:17-29 Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸ And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.' ¹⁹ Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord? ²⁴ Then Saul said to Samuel, 'I have sinned. I violated the Lord's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them. ²⁵ Now I beg you, forgive my sin and come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord.'²⁶ But Samuel said to him, 'I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!' ²⁷ As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸ Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you. ²⁹ He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.'

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading—Hebrews 6:17-20 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 6-8, 35

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed...

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

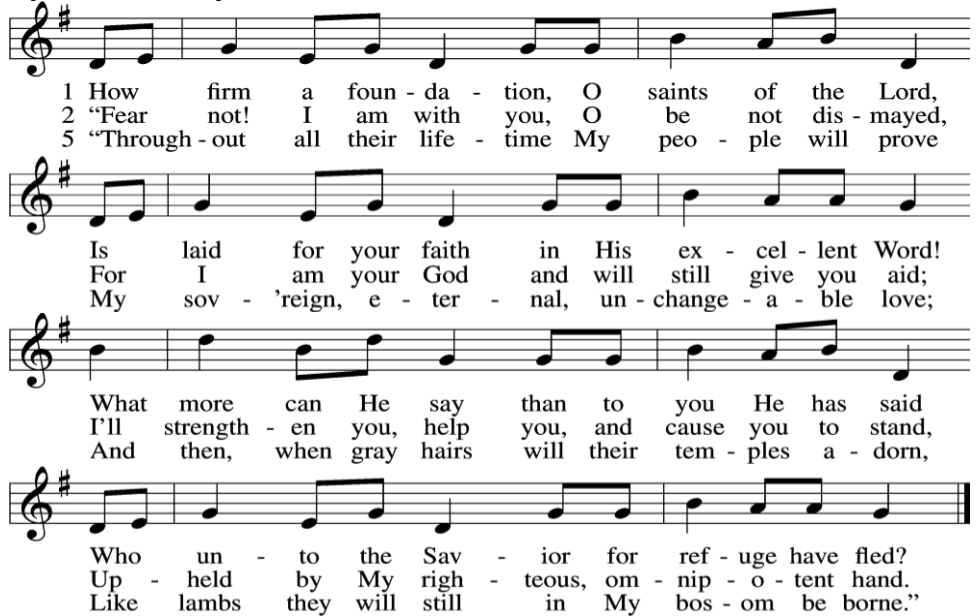
(Please be seated)

Children Message

(The children may depart for Kids Connect after the message)

Hymn of the Day

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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Sermon

Coping with Change

Hebrews 13:8

Sermon Text—Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Sharing of the Peace (*Share greetings with others by saying, "Peace be with you"*)

Offering and Voluntary Believe for It

(*please fill out your connect cards*)

Testimonial

(*Please stand*)

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs...
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Representing God's
people, the
pastor/liturgist leads
our prayers.
1 Timothy 2:1-4,8

Service of the Sacrament

As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray...

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord (*Pastor*)

Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you.

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

This is the family
prayer Jesus taught us.
Matthew 6:9-13

These are the very
words of Jesus at The
Last Supper. By these
words Jesus still sets
apart bread and wine
to be His own Body
and Blood.

Holy Communion
implies a unity of faith.
It requires us to
examine our lives and
reflect on what this
Sacrament is and what
we receive there.
It expects that those
who commune together
confess the same faith
and are united in the
same Church.

(Please be seated)

Distribution

Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us. As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might ask ourselves the following questions: Do I realize that I am a sinful human being? Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life? Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.

General Distribution: We invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper by joining the continuous line of communicants leading to the foot of the chancel as prompted by an usher.

Special Distribution: Those that are unable to use the stairs to commune at the altar, please stay seated until a communion assistant team comes to the bottom of the stairs. An usher will guide you to walk up and receive communion. For those who cannot walk to the front, communion assistants will commune you at your seat.

Distribution Song

Step by Step

(Please stand)

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction (Pastor)

We enter to receive
God's Word and
Sacraments, to pray
and praise... we leave
to serve
and witness.

The Divine Service is almost over. Here *our* service begins as we carry God's good news with us out the doors of this building and into the world.

Closing Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Sermon Notes

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVED TODAY.

Altar Guild: Nicole Linley and Kathy Thurn 8:00
Cheryl Moore 10:30
Greeters: Junko Durante 8:00
Kiara & Ella Westby and Abbey & Olivia Jones 10:30
Preacher: Pastor Tony Durante
Liturgist: John Wheeler 8:00—Haroldo Camacho 10:30
Cantor: Ian Johnson 8:00
Lay Reader: Thomas Boatwright 8:00—Mahnila Entezari and Malaika Gelin 10:30
Communion Asst: Lerryn Latimer and Neville Morrison 8:00
Brian Warfel and Carol Tucek 10:30
Ushers: Mike Zaske, Mitch Van Sant, David Volz, Mark Williamson 8:00
Marc Benda, Yerusalem Tzeggai, Doug and Myke MacLeay 10:30
Prayer Team: Jodi Waldron and Robert Spencer
Sound and Visuals: Andy Clark and Renee Bilodeau/Nyla Green
Organist: Carisa Meier
Praise Team Leader: Wayne Rediker 10:30
Viola/Music Leader: Ian Johnson 10:30
Keyboard: Nancy Volz 10:30
Bass: Duane Srot 10:30
Drummer: Crystal Gossard 10:30

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services

Tony Durante, Pastor

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