



## **Sunday, January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

### **The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Luke 4:14-21 (nrsvue)*

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**Greeters:** Donna Kiser, Sonteary & Saron Keat, Anita & Larry Ewing, Phyllis Thompson

**Ushers:** Leigh Shuman, Gary & Sandy Cross, Donna Kinsey, Coleman Harris, Kay Houghton, Phyllis Thompson

**The Chancel Flowers are presented by:**

Jane Hartin in memory of her mother, Ann Wardlow

**Gathering in God's Name**

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.  
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Memorial Garden Video

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Jesus proclaims good news to us all!

**People: Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor.**

Leader: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

**People: And may it all begin with our worship of God.**

\*Opening Hymn #477 vs. 1-4

Ye Servants of God

*Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you. O God, forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. People of God, followers of Jesus Christ, believe the good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\* Gloria Patri 579

**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.**

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading	Luke 4:14-21	Rev. Matt Drumheller
Message	<b>"Christ's Mission"</b>	Rev. Matt Drumheller

**Responding to God's Word**

Invitation to the Offering		Fran Stefany
Offertory Anthem	"Grace" <i>arr. Mark Hayes</i>	
Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Dr. Bob Burns
Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer		Rev. Allison Beaulieu

**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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Going in God's Name**

\*Closing Hymn #434 vs. 1 and 4      Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Congregational Meeting

Charge & Benediction      Rev. Allison Beaulieu

\*Congregational Response

**Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place  
I Can Feel His Mighty Power And His Grace  
I Can Hear The Brush Of Angel's Wings  
I See Glory On Each Face  
Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place**

\*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST  
A/V, JERRY ROTHACKER & MARK ANDERSON*

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

*A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

**FM sound devices are available.** Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

**Cell Phones** should be silenced during the worship service.

**Video Recordings** of the service can be found on the Highland website at [www.HighlandPC.org](http://www.HighlandPC.org)

*In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.*