



January 17, 2021. Second Sunday after Epiphany. Narrative Lectionary week 19 of year 3.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Call to Worship

Psalm 146

All: Praise the Lord! Let my whole being praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live. Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings— there's no saving help with them! Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too. The person whose help is the God of Jacob—  
the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—  
is truly happy! God: the maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them, God: who is faithful forever, who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving!  
The Lord: who frees prisoners. The Lord: who makes the blind see. The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low. The Lord: who loves the righteous.  
The Lord: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows, but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!  
The Lord will rule forever!

Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise the Lord!!

Prayer of Confession

All: God of The Epiphany and source of epiphanies, you have revealed yourself to us through your only Son, Jesus Chrst. He showed us the Way of truth and life. Christ still shows us the Way of righteousness through healing, mercy, compassion, and grace. Forgive us for the ways we have strayed. Forgive us for the times we have tried to forge our own path. We confess that we need you to guide us as individuals and as a people of God. May we seek the power and encouragement of the Holy Spirit to travel along Christ's Way. Amen

*Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession*

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #453 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology #94 "Praise God"

Special Musical Offering Nancy Schwegler, piano

"Fairest Lord Jesus" - arr. Joel Raney

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD



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**Luke 4:14-30(CEB) Lucy and Ellie McCoy**

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed,  
and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum.'" He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and

there was a great food shortage in the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

*Sermon Rejected in Nazareth and Birmingham*  
Rev. Robb McCoy

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn # 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Blessing

Hymn #2129FWS "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" vs 1

Postlude



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

**Coming Next:**

**“This Is The Way”**

Jan. 24	Jesus Fishes for People	Luke 5:1-11
Jan. 31	Lord of the Sabbath	Luke 6:1-16
Feb. 7	Raising the Widow’s Son	Luke 7: 1-17
Feb. 14	Transfiguration	Luke 9:28-45

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 4:14-15**

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday	Isaiah 58:6-12	Loosing Bonds of Injustice
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:8-14	Elijah and the Widow
Wednesday	2 Kings 5:1-17	The Healing of Naaman
Thursday	Luke 4:31-37	The Man with the Unclean Spirit
Friday	Luke 4:38-41	Healings at Simon’s House
Saturday	Luke 4:42-44	Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** Jesus begins his ministry teaching that he was there for the people others ignored. When did someone pay attention to you? When did you feel ignored?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week’s Story:** Jesus calls the first disciples, who were fishermen, to follow him. What did you do to follow Jesus today? How did you turn away from him in your actions?