



Arise and shine for your light has come —ISAIAH 60:1

JANUARY 20-21, 2024

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

Loving God, give us open hearts, as open and eager as a toddler's first steps. Give us open ears, that we may hear your words fresh and wild, comforting and challenging us. Give us open hands, ready to receive a blessing and willing to offer gentle care. Loving God, show us the depths of your grace in each precious moment and help us live our lives to the full now. Help us glorify you in all we do. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ “This is the day the Lord has made! Do something on it before it begins to fade! Do something you have said! Do it before it's time for bed!”
— Israelmore Ayivor (author), from Daily Drive 365
- ❖ Most people would prefer to wait, wait, and wait until the perfect time has come for them to act. There is no such thing as the perfect time.
— Farshad Asl (motivational speaker)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: Stand up, a new day is dawning,

One: Now is the moment to live as God's people,

All: Now is the time to follow our Lord.

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

All: God is with us here and now.

One: On every path we take,

All: No matter where we go.

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: Now is the time to turn around.

One: Let Christ make us new.

All: Now is the time.

PRAISE SONG: “Don't Wait” (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL:**Mark 1:14-20**

As Mark tells the story of Jesus' life, he very early includes a story of the call of four of His twelve disciples to change their life and become learners and followers of Him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

MESSAGE:**Reverend Marilyn Miller****THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: "God Says It's Time" (music at end of bulletin)****THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and 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.

THE SENDING OUT:

One: Where is Jesus? He is in us and among us - our risen and reigning Lord. Let us follow him always, in all our words and deeds. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: "Go Now"**THE DISMISSAL:**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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Don't Wait

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There's a time for hes - i - ta - tion and
time to say to - mor - row, or



weigh - ing pros and cons. There's a time to move with cau - tion and with
may - be some day soon. There's a time to put things off and say not



care.
yet. There's a time to look both ways, take it
There's a time to be ex - cused, there's so



ea - sy, play it safe. But there's one time when there's no time to
much that's asked of you. But there's one time when on - ly now will



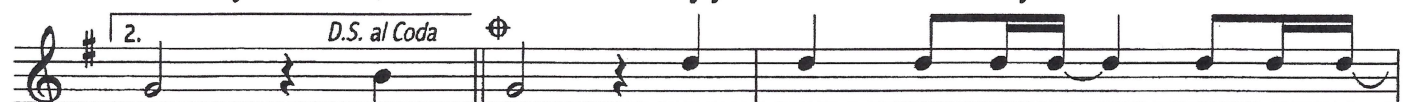
waste. Don't wait when you know that God is call - ing. Don't



wait when you feel it deep in - side. Don't wait to re - spond, give your deep



- est yes to God, and know the joy of Je - sus all your life. There's a



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Let This Be the Time

Verse 1:

- L: When the song of your people rings out from each steeple, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When our praise and devotion set lives into motion, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When the heart of our labor promotes love of neighbor, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When the care for each nation brings peace to creation, (C: *let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

Verse 2:

- L: When we see in each face those we need to embrace, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When we turn and forgive those the world won't let live, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When our care for creation becomes our vocation, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When our deeds and good actions become our true passion, (C: *let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

Verse 3:

- L: When the voice of the Spirit transforms all who hear it, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When we turn from obsession and needless possessions, (C: *let this be the time.*)
- L: When we give recognition to the one, true physician, the healer who bears all our pain, when we stop and remember that you are our God, (C: *let this be the time.*) **CHORUS**

CHORUS

Come and tear down the old ways and build up the new
be the God of our promise; all hope rests in
you. With the fire of your Spirit, blaze a kingdom of
truth. Prepare us for action, let nothing dis-
tract us from you! Let this be the time!

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The music ends with a double bar line.

God Says It's Time

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It's time to cel - e - brate the Love of God, it's
time for us to get bu - sy. Get bu - sy with the things that mat - ter most like
jus - tice and com - pas - sion. It's time for us to take ac - tion as we
lis - ten for the voice of the Ho - ly One 'cause God is still speak - ing, and
God says it's time, yeah God is still speak - ing, and God says it's
Fine
time. It's time to put first things first, to set all dis - trac - tions a -
If God is still speak - ing now, then what is God say - ing to
side. It's time to get down to work, the work of the bo - dy of
us? The chan - ces are good some - how the mes - sage in - volves show - ing
Christ. There's heal - ing and lov - ing and reach - ing out that
love. There's jus - tice, and for - give - ness and wel - com - ing that
God wants to do, in and through the lives that we live and the
God want to do, in and through the the choi - ces we make and the
love we give. So let's roll our sleeves up now be - cause it's
risks we take. So let's live that mes - sage now be - cause it's

