



*"Jesus, the Gerasene, and the Unclean Spirits," by James Tissot (1836-1902)*



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 21, 2024  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*A person who chooses to love his or her enemies can have no enemies. That person is left only with neighbors.*

*-Preston Sprinkle*

Gathering Music

*"In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)"*

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Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

**Rev. Cristina Adams**

Prelude

*"At the Church" (Chorale)*

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\* Call to Worship

**Anne Munsterman**

Leader: Sometimes the world feels so complicated.

**People: Sometimes everywhere we look, we feel afraid.**

Leader: Sometimes it just feels out of control.

**People: Sometimes it's too tragic for us to hold.**

Leader: And also, Christ meets us here.

**People: Right where we are, close to home or in a foreign land.**

Leader: Just as we are, living the good life or barely managing.

**People: Even now, to insiders and outsiders, he comes.**

**All: With power and purpose, Christ comes to meet us here,  
and we come out to meet him too.**

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 154)

*"Christ Is the World's Light"*  
CHRISTE SANCTORUM

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.*

\* Responding in Peace (CONG 155)

*"We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light"*  
SIYAHAMBA

**We are singing, for the Lord is our light, We are singing, for the Lord is our light.**

**We are singing, for the Lord is our light, We are singing for the Lord is our light.**

**We are singing, (singing, we are singing) Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.**

**We are singing, (singing, we are singing), Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.**

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Psalm Reading

Anne Munsterman

Psalm 89:1-4

Children's Sermon

### SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Thy Word"

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Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**The earth is yours, O God, the world and those who live in it. Forgive us for twisting your desire for relationship into a personal and powerless friendship that does not challenge the empires of our day. Forgive us for leaving the forces that harm our neighbor to hold sway, and for believing it wasn't our problem to solve. Forgive us for narrowing our focus so much that we no longer see your vision. Give us courage to speak up and challenge all that shackles us to the ways of death. Teach us once again that because of your love, we are meant to act.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*The Lord has shown you mercy. Tell your world how much the Lord has done for you.*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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

Prayer Response (CONGR 404, vs. 2)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

NEED

**I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby; temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.**

**Refrain: I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!**

**O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

### RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Steve Yoder, Missions Chair

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Offertory

"Faith (Songs Without Words)" Op. 102 No. 6

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

### PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

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\*Gospel Reading

Mark 5.1-20

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
“A Story of Resistance”

\*Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 519)

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”  
ASH GROVE

\*Life of the Church

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Alla Marcia”

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*Mrs. J.S. Turner & H.N. Kean*

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

*Liturgist: Anne Munsterman*

*Director of Worship Music and Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson*

*Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen*

*Livestream Video Crew: Joanna & Brandon Gillette      Sound: Marylee Southard*

*YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Local Church: Rev City Church*

*ABC, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Dr. Mary Day Miller, serving churches in Massachusetts*

*International Ministries Missionary: Paul Rollet, serving in the Philippines*

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