

# **Homecrest Presbyterian Church**

***Worship of the Lord's Day***  
***January 10th, 2016***

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany***  
***Baptism of the Lord***

***“You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased.” Luke 3:22***



# **Gathering Around the WORD**

## **Call To Worship**

*(Based on Psalm 29)*

**Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

**The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of  
glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.**

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

**May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

## **Gathering Hymn**

### ***#10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”***

***Sing glory to the name of God,  
whose holy splendor shines abroad.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Enthroned above the crashing waves,  
the God of grace and glory saves.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## **Gathering Hymn**

### ***#10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”***

***The name of God is full of might:  
resounding thunder, flashing light.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***The wilderness cannot contain  
the echoes of the great refrain:***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## **Gathering Hymn**

### ***#10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”***

***The name of God is wild and free,  
awhirl in holy mystery.***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,  
still chanted by the temple choir:***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## **Gathering Hymn**

### ***#10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”***

***May God forever be our peace;  
may hymns of glory never cease:***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Let all the faithful people come;  
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:***

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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# **Gathering Around the WORD**

## ***Call to Confession***

*God loves us and calls us each by name.  
Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely  
loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God  
and our neighbors.*

# **Gathering Around the WORD**

## ***Prayer of Confession***

*(Based on Isaiah 43:4 and Luke 3:22)*

***We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace, Amen.***

# ***Gathering Around the WORD***

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## ***Declaration of Forgiveness***

*Beloved, by God's grace, your sins have been forgiven.  
Know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the  
Lord and serve the world. **Thanks be to God, Amen.***

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# **Gathering Around the WORD**

## ***Gloria Patri***

***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, Amen.***

# **Gathering Around the WORD**

## ***Passing of the Peace of Christ***

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

*(1 John 4:7-8)*



# **Proclaiming the WORD**

***Message to the Youth/***

***Prayer of Illumination***

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# **Proclaiming the WORD**

## **Scripture Reading**

**(Isaiah 43:1-7)**

*But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you*

# **Proclaiming the WORD**

## **Scripture Reading**

**(Isaiah 43:1-7)**

*<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth -- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

# **Proclaiming the WORD**

## **Scripture Reading**

**(Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

# **Proclaiming the WORD**

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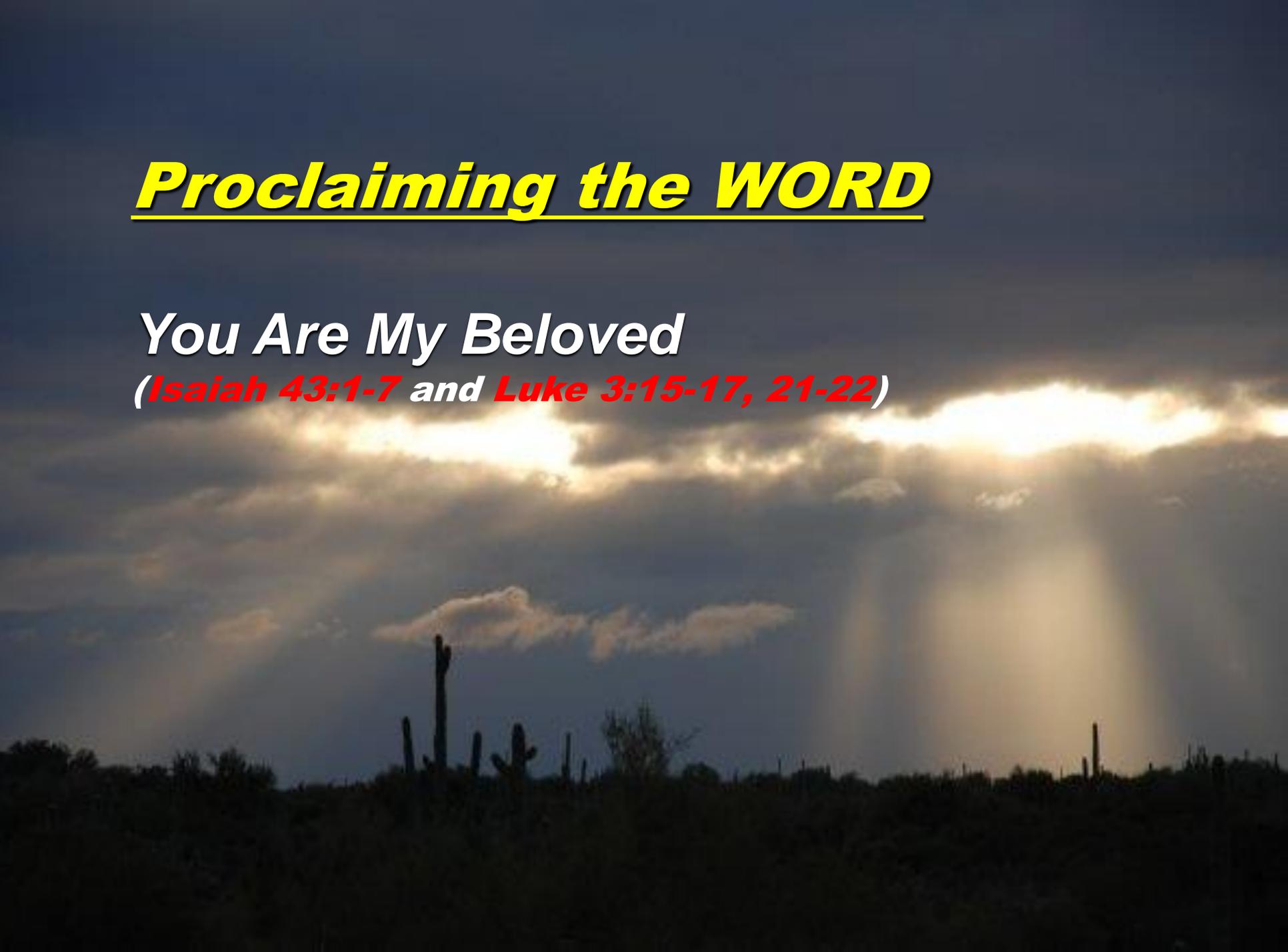
**(Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)**

*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, **"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."***

# **Proclaiming the WORD**

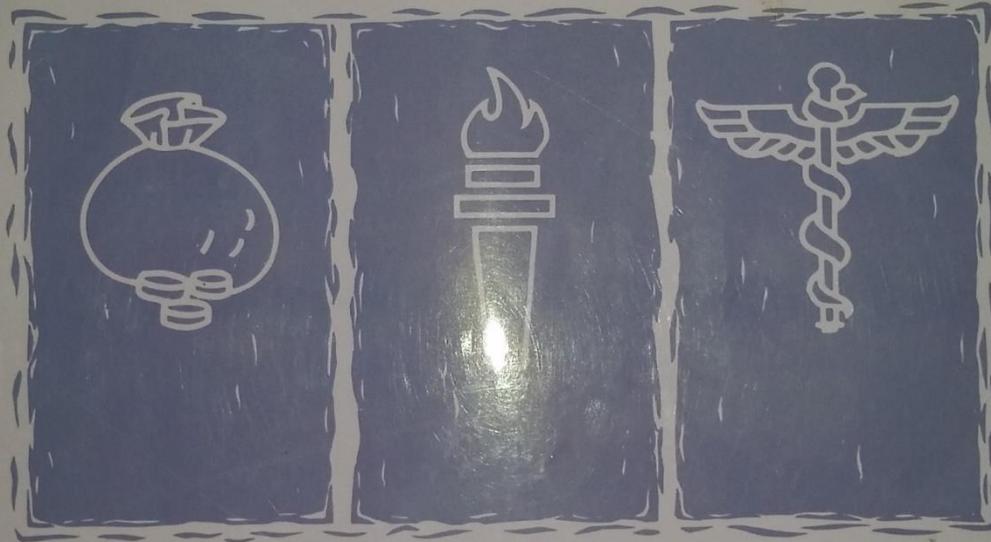
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***(Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)***



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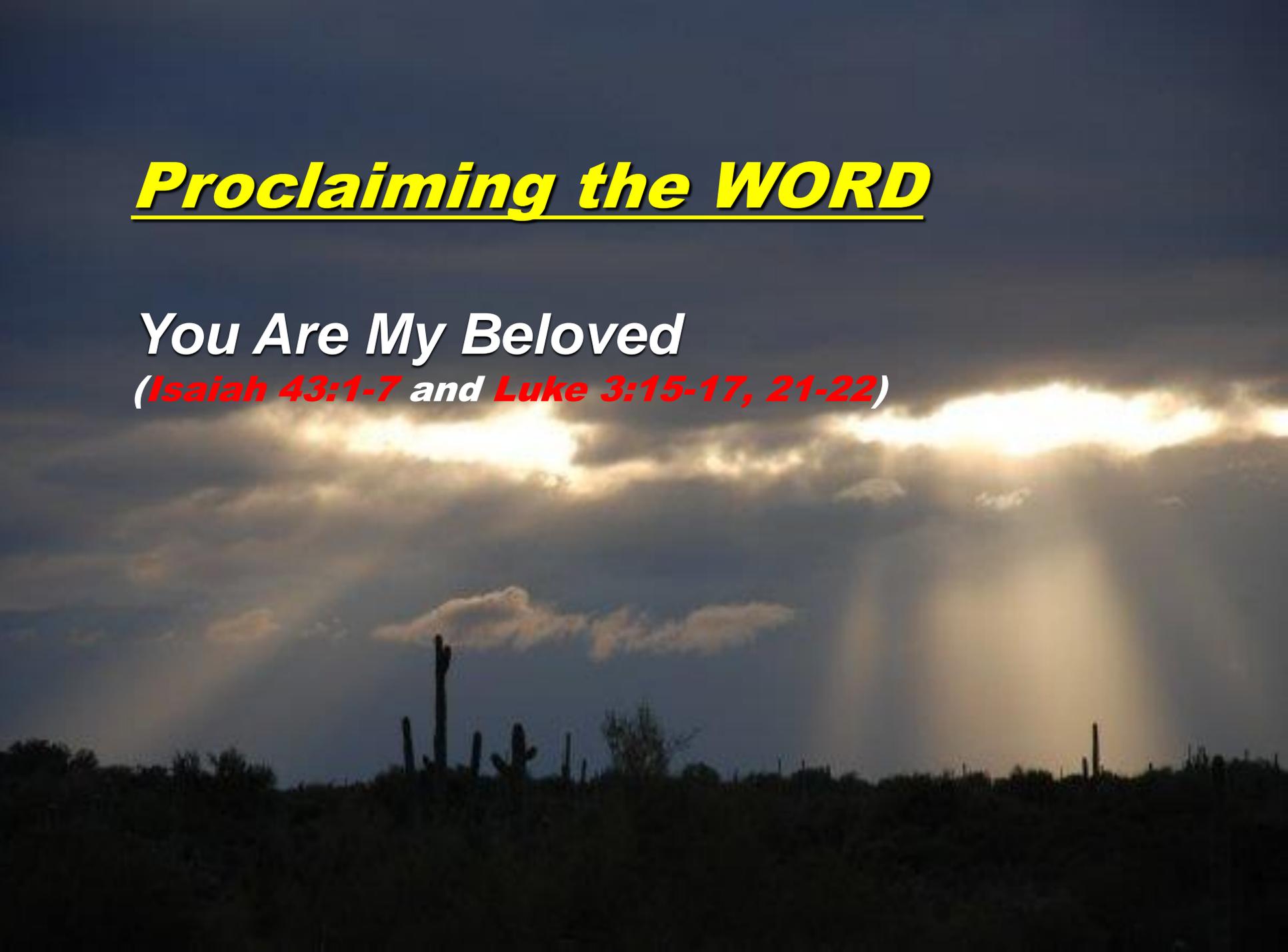
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# ***Proclaiming the WORD***

***You Are My Beloved***

***(Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)***



## **Responding Hymn**

**# 688**

***“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”***

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.*

## **Responding Hymn**

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***“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”***

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.*

## **Responding Hymn**

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*Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
all, all thine own, soul,  
heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!*

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**# 688**

***“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”***

*Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

## **Responding Hymn**

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***“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”***

*Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.*

# **Responding to the WORD**

## ***Affirmation of Faith – Epiphany***

*(by Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr)*

***We believe in God, the creator of all things,  
the giver of life and breath.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ,  
born Emmanuel, God with us,  
baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God;  
he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness  
upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us  
and being raised from the dead for our sake  
and for the sake of all the world.***

***We believe that he will come again.***

# **Responding to the WORD**

## ***Affirmation of Faith – Epiphany***

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***We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
continually poured out refreshing our lives,  
leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the  
church, the body of Christ in the world.***

***This Spirit is our soul companion and  
counselor of truth reminding us of the gift  
of faith, the ever presence of God and the  
promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God!  
Amen.***

# **Bearing and Following the WORD into the World**

## ***Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns***

- We will resume our regular afternoon **Bible Study** group today. We will discuss our next book of study or materials for the coming season. Please meet downstairs at **12:30pm** in the basement. All are welcomed.
- The **Women's Group** will be meeting over at the Manse (2048 E 14th Street) every **Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm**. They are currently studying the book of Genesis. They will also be meeting every other Sunday morning before service at 9:30am over at the Manse for prayers and fellowship. For more information, please contact **Margaret Lesman** or **Cara Chin**.

# **Bearing and Following the WORD into the World**

## ***Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns***

- Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place next Sunday, **1/17**, immediately after worship service in the basement. We will be receiving various reports, reviewing the 2016 budget, approving the pastor's terms of call, nominating and electing of officers (deacons and elders). The presence and participation of all members are requested. Non-members are welcomed to observe the meeting, however they are ineligible to vote. We will also be having a **Pot-Luck Luncheon**, please bring a dish item to share with everyone.

**Sign Up Sheet** at the back-table!

# **Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

***Prayer and Rededication of our Baptism in  
Christ and The Lord's Prayer***

***Almighty God, in our baptism you have  
consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit  
with a lively faith and worship you with upright  
lives.***

God in Christ gives us water springing forth for eternal life. With joy we shall draw water from the wells of salvation and the fountain of LIFE.

# **Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

## ***Prayer and Rededication of our Baptism in Christ and The Lord's Prayer***

***Lord, give us this living water and we shall thirst  
no more.***

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Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the River Jordan.

# **Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

## ***Prayer and Rededication of our Baptism in Christ and The Lord's Prayer***

***We bless you for your NEW creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.***

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptized to new birth in the family of your Church.

# **Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

## ***Prayer and Rededication of our Baptism in Christ and The Lord's Prayer***

***Anoint us, your children, with power from on high,  
and make us One with Christ in the freedom of  
your kingdom. For all might, majesty, dominion  
and power are yours, now and for ever. Alleluia.  
Amen.***

*Let us join our hearts in the unity of the Spirit as we  
pray the Lord's Prayer together, saying...*

# **Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

## ***Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer***

***Our Father,***

***Who are 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.***

***Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.***

***Lead us not into temptations,  
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.***

**Bearing and Following  
the WORD into the World  
*Offering of our Gifts and our Lives***

**Special Music # 157**

**“I Dance In the Morning”**

**Bearing and Following  
the WORD into the World  
*Doxology and Offertory Prayer***

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.***

# ***Sending Hymn***

**# 486**

***“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”***

***Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.***

# ***Sending Hymn***

**# 486**

***“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”***

***Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;  
into joy and laughter lead.***

# ***Sending Hymn***

**# 486**

***“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”***

***Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God's you are, from God you came.***

***Back to God we humbly give you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name.***

# ***Sending Hymn***

**# 486**

***“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”***

***Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to listen for God's call.***

***Grow to laugh and sing and worship;  
trust and love God more than all.***

**Bearing and Following**  
**the WORD into the World**  
***The Charge and Benediction***



**Bearing and Following**  
**the WORD into the World**  
***Benediction Response***

**#140 “Shalom, Chavarim!**  
**Farewell, Good Friends”**

*Shalom, Good friends!*

*Shalom, Good friends!*

*Shalom, Shalom!*

*Till we meet again, till we meet again,*

*Shalom, Shalom.*

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