

# READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
January 20, 2008  
11:00 a.m.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship

Psalm

40

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**People: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

Leader: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

**People: Sacrifice and offering You do not desire, but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.**

Leader: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD.

**People: I have not hidden Your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

**ALL: Do not, O LORD, withhold Your mercy from me; let Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

\*+Hymn of Praise

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer & winter, & springtime & harvest, sun, moon, & stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear Presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today & bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Prayer of Confession

Psalm

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**Almighty God, Your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting. You are our Rock and our Salvation, the firm foundation upon which we can endure, come what may. And yet, too often we are faithless in response. We depend on Your love to be steadfast, while we are thoughtless. You want us to give You open ears, but we are reluctant to hear and respond to Your call. We are sorry, Lord. Strengthen us so that we can be bearers of Your good news out into this lost and broken world, which needs that comfort and joy. In this way we can further the inbreaking of Your kingdom here on earth, as it already is in heaven. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

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

Words of Assurance

Psalm 40:1-

3

Summary of the Law

Psalm

40:6-8

\*+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 with end. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

\*+Hymn of Preparation #404 (RIL) "O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament	Isaiah 44:21-28	p. 588
New Testament	Mark 2:18-28	p. 814

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon EXPECTATIONS, AND REALITY

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*

Offertory "See Amid the Winter's Snow" Malcolm

Archer

\*Doxology  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Dedication #423 (RIL) "Lead On, O King Eternal"  
LANCASHIRE

Verses 1 & 2

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response  
LANCASHIRE

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Verse 3

Postlude

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\*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.  
+Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.  
Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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Organized 1719

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*Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ*

**The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus**