

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

He Touched Me
The Jubilate Ringers

Gaither/Ingram

The Welcome and Announcements

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Special Recognition: *Bruce Harvey*

The Introit

My Song Forever Shall Record

The Call To Worship

Praise the Lord! Great are the works of the Lord.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work.

The Lord is gracious and merciful. The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

God sends redemption. God's praise endures forever.

The Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. We praise you for Jesus Christ and his power over all things. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to all who are captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing. Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.*

His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same, and he must with the battle.*

*And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth
to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo,
his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world...silent prayer...Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, to seek and to find the lost.

By the grace of Christ, we are found, forgiven, and set free. Thanks be to God!

*The 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*

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.)

Minute for Mission: *Jim and Tina Christie*

Presentation of New Member: *Stu Weinstein*

Statement of Welcome **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into this community of faith.
Grateful for the gifts you bring, we offer our prayers and support as we journey in faith together.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 111*

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Mark Hayes, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Moment with Children

*The Hymn 750

*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil (Sing twice)
Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:21-29*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

One Little Word

Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD...

*Affirmation 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.

The Prayers of the People

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

Tithes and Offerings Presented

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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*

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*The Hymn 772

Live Into Hope

*Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have ones' daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary, Based on an old English hornpipe

Gordon Young

The flowers on the pulpit are given by Robert and Tristin Fidler to the glory of God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton

Liturgists: Mike Gibson, Jen Rowe

Choirmasters: MaryAnn and Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Sherman Brown, Jerry Zekert

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Doreen Vaughn, Trudy McNatt

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