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Service for the Lord's Day

January 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

English melody

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

Great God, we know that you are our God and that we are mere mortals, but self-righteousness still consumes us, arrogance still guides our decisions, and we become isolated and alone. Bring us back to rest in your sovereign love, encourage us in relationship, and guide us to live in the community of faith, that we might experience your love building us up, enabling us to do the work to which you call us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader:

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

People

Great are the works of the Lord!

Leader:

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

People

God's righteousness endures forever.

Leader:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All:

Let us worship God!

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

All who love God are known by God, whose intention is that we live by eternal values, in loving relationship with one another. God applauds our efforts to rid our lives of pseudo-gods we create, habits that destroy, and prejudices that divide. We count on God to understand us, to free us from our bondage to sin, and to dwell among us, transforming our lives. Praise God forever and ever!

+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.**

Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

"Thank God, I Do"

Lauren Daigle

THE PSALM

Psalms 111

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the deeds of the LORD! They are studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the LORD, whose righteousness endures forever.

People: Gracious and full of compassion is the LORD, whose marvelous works are to be remembered.

Leader: The LORD gives food to the God-fearing, ever mindful of the covenant.

People: The LORD has shown the chosen people works of power in giving them the lands of the nations.

Leader: The hands of the LORD work faithfulness and justice; all the commandments of the LORD are sure.

People: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

Leader: The LORD sent redemption to the chosen people, commanding the covenant forever; holy and awesome is the name of the LORD.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the LORD endures forever.

THE OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION "Healing Grace" John Chisum

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Healing" Rev. Clint Schofield

Responding to the 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.***

OFFERTORY

“Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Robert Schumann

+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.***

+BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN

“No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus”

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+COMMISSIONING

Leader:

Go out to witness to the good news you have heard.
God is even now raising up prophets among us.

People:

**We thank God for this time of being together.
We are grateful for freedom to worship and grow.**

Leader:

God is establishing truth among us, inviting us to learn.
Dare to question and explore, as disciples of Jesus.

People:

**We praise God for insight and guidance we have received.
We delight in ways we are able to help others.**

Leader:

God will supply us with words of our witness.
We will be led to offer others appropriate help.

All:

**All honor and majesty and glory be to God!
May we never stop praising God with our lives!**

BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through the wilderness.**

POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

American folk melody

+Please stand, if you are able

*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*