

Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 3, 2019 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- **Ready for the Word** --

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Choral Beginning by van Dyke

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

The Light of God Enters

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

People: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

People: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All: All glory be to God!

*Hymn Hymnal No. 612

“We Praise You, O God”

Prayer of Confession

Leader: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: We confess that we have been reluctant to receive our calling as God’s people, to speak out clearly and name the injustice we see. We have failed to declare God’s vision, to bear witness to God’s dream of justice and joy. Remind us, O God, that you have made us for your service.

Recharge us with your Word. Renew us each day. And grant us courage to live out your Way of peace, and love, and grace.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Response Grove Sings Praises No. 14

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Passing of the Peace

-- **Receiving the Word** --

Children’s Sermon

*Hymn Grove Sings Praises No. 90

“Thou Art Worthy”
(sung twice)

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 698) Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament Lesson (page 61) Luke 4:14-30

Reflection “Pushed to the Edge”

-- **Responding to the Word** --

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Hymnal Pg. 35

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, for ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

*Hymn Hymnal No. 505

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Breaking of Bread Communion of the People

(Please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may partake together.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

Hymnal No.716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction

Pew Insert

“Go In the Grace of the Lord”

Insert sung by congregation

Additional coda sung by choir

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude



Participants in today's service: Greg Bitler (worship leader), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Galen Stamm & Foster Cooney (Junior Deacons), Dave Sanders & Rhonda Seebold (Deacons), Wendy Adelsberger, Natalie Kupas, William Godfrey, William Henning & Stephen Lewis (Communion Elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Next week's reflection by Rev. Sally Dries: *"Being Surprised"*

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