

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28th, 2018

4th Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

Welcome

Prelude "Fanfare" Arranged by: Jeffrey Honore
The Bells of Bethel

Silent Meditation

WE APPROACH GOD

Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

• **Hymn 263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

• Fellowship Greeting

(Please feel free to drop any prayer requests you may have in the basket up front while greeting one another.)

Response as you return to your seat

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds Is like to that a-bove.**

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, father of us all.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

• **Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106** *(refrain)*
***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem "Oh, You Must Be a Lover of the Lord" Adult Choir
American 19th Cent. Camp Meeting Song,
arr. Bob Moody

This song is a question and answer by a doubter, as sung by a song leader in a camp revival.

"Am I a soldier of the cross, A follower of the Lamb? And shall I fear to own His cause, Or blush to speak His Name?" Oh, you must be a lover of the Lord, Or you can't go to heaven when you die."

"Must I be carried to the skies On flowery beds of ease while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?" Oh, you must be a lover of the Lord, Or you can't go to heaven when you die."

Are there no foes for me to face, must I not stem the flood" Is this vile world a friend of grace to help me on to God? Oh, you must be a lover of the Lord, Or you can't go to heaven when you die."

Note from Bob Moody - I found this originally on a CD album of 19th century songs sung by opera soprano Kathleen Battle and a professional choir.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *(page 173)*
(New Revised Standard Version)

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

New Testament Reading: Mark 1:21-28 *(page 32)*
(New Revised Standard Version)

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon/Four Cents A Meal Offering

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

*Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world
Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;
Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.*

(Children may go to downstairs to Children's Church following the Children's Sermon)

• **Hymn 392** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

Sermon "Real Authority" Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD

•Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Mission and Ministry *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•The Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 485

"To God Be the Glory"

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #280 (verse 4)

The Lord has prom-ised good to me,

His word my hope se-cures;

He will my shield and por-tion be

As long as life en-dures.

Postlude

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters David & Betty Schooley

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.