



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

January 28, 2024 10:30 AM

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Now the Silence" Charles W. Ore

*(\* Indicates that all are invited to stand)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (3) *(based on Psalm 111)*

One: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**All: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

One: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**All: You cause your wonders to be remembered. We worship you with joy!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" #4 *New Century Hymnal*  
*(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack) vv. 1-3*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;**

**Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;**

**Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,**

**Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,**

**Chanting bird and flowing fountain, teach us what our praise should be.**

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,**

**Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!**

**Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;**

**Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (3)

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory.

**Yet we often block out the light of Christ.**

We are sometimes quick to accuse and slow to confess.

**We forget the gifts you have given us to share.**

Have mercy on us, compassionate God.

**Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace day after day.**

*(silent confession)*

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. Through God's gift to us in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" v. 4

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;**

**Boundless love is reigning o'er us, reconciling race and clan.**

**Ever singing, move we forward, faithful in the midst of strife,**

**Joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "The Prayer" with "Lead Me Lord" Carole Sager & David Foster;  
Arr. Tom Fettke

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

Pew Bible pp.812-813

A Word of God that is still speaking,

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Community of Christ" #314 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Community of Christ, who make the Cross your own,  
Live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:  
The God who wears your face, to whom all words belong,  
Whose children are of every race and every song.**

**Community of Christ, look past the church's door  
And see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,  
Take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.**

**Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound—  
Cry out for justice and for peace the whole world 'round:  
Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,  
Turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,  
The climate of the world be peace and Christ the Sun;  
Our currency be love and kindness our law,  
Our food and faith be shared as one forevermore.**

### **RESPONDING**

*We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.**

OFFERTORY "O How Happy are Ye" Johannes Brahms  
*Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving).*

\*DOXOLOGY #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

\* COMMISSIONING HYMN "O For a World" #575 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare in D"

Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens

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Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from [Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B](#)
- (2) <https://www.ministrymatters.com/>
- (3) [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org)

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