

January 28, 2024  
4th Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "June" Tchaikovsky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Sing to the Lord a new song; Ps. 96:1  
**sing to the Lord, all the earth!**  
What does the Holy One require of us? Mic. 6:8  
**To be just, kind, and humble before God.**  
Give thanks to God with your whole heart. Ps. 111:1-2  
**Great are the works of the Lord.**  
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #15 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

CALL TO CONFESSION John 3:5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Phil. 3:9  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN: GTG #722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Gracious God,  
hear our prayer.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Acts 20:35

OFFERTORY "Valse no. 5" Schubert

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith  
(United States, 1991)

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20 O.T. page 138

PSALM Psalm 111  
Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
**Great are your works, O LORD,**  
**pondered by all who delight in them.**  
Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.  
**You cause your wonders to be remembered;**  
**you are gracious and full of compassion.**

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.  
**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**  
The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.  
**They stand fast forever and ever,**  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**  
You sent redemption to your people  
and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.  
**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;**  
**all who practice this have a good understanding.**  
**God's praise endures forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 N.T. page 130

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28 N.T. page 27

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Rev. 21:5  
These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Light of the World!" Price/Besig

SERMON "The Holy One of God" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

+BLESSING Eph. 4:4-6  
... be with you now and always. **Amen.**

+CHARGE  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Light of the World!" Price/Besig

POSTLUDE "Gymnopedie no. 1" Satie

**You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.**  
*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY  
**Liturgist:** Eva Schlenner  
**Greeters:** Sally Hughes and Darlene Martin  
**Sound:** Timothy Pinches  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Dan Baker

**Today's flowers are given by Anna Lee Lavis  
in memory of Harold Lavis**

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**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#69. Titus:**

Paul may have written this letter to his disciple and sometime-companion Titus, who was probably a Greek from Crete, towards the very end of Paul's life. (c. AD 65)

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 125. What is the design of the Lord's Prayer?**

The Lord's Prayer falls into two parts, preceded by an opening address, and concluded by a "doxology" or word of praise. Each part consists of three petitions. The first part concerns God's glory; the second part, our salvation. The first part involves our love for God; the second part, God's love for us. The petitions in part one will not be fulfilled perfectly until the life to come; those in part two relate more directly to our present needs here and now.

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**DAILY PRAYER**

*Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2018)

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

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|------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Today</b>     | Adult Sunday School ( <i>The Chosen</i> ) | 11:15 am |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Bridge Builders Task Force                | 4:00 pm  |
|                  | Parish Life Committee                     | 6:00 pm  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Lunch Packing for Advent House            | 10:30 am |
|                  | Prayer Fellowship                         | 12:00 pm |
|                  | Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)      | 4:00 pm  |
|                  | Wednesday Night Dinner                    | 6:00 pm  |
|                  | Bell Choir Rehearsal                      | 6:30 pm  |
|                  | Choir Rehearsal                           | 7:10 pm  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Administration Committee                  | 7:00 pm  |
|                  | Board of Deacons                          | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath   |          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Yarners                                   | 10:00 am |

**BIRTHDAYS**

Timothy Pinches Jan. 28  
Linda Myall Jan. 29  
Will Ozee Feb. 1  
Debbie Shellenbarger Feb. 3

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*Jesus Christ Dispossesses*  
Cathedral of Gurk, Carinthia, Austria

*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*