

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2023

Prelude - The prelude is an introductory part of our worship service. Worshipers are encouraged to use these few moments for prayer and/or reflection on a scripture passage or hymn.
(Please silence all cell phones before service)

Announcements

The Invocation

Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1,2,4)

P/ How lovely are Thy dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!

C/ **My soul longed even yearned for the courts of the Lord:**

P/ My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C/ **How blessed are those who dwell in Thy house!
They are ever praising Thee.**

Hymn #188 (Red Hymnal) *We Praise Thee, O God*

Confession of Sin

P/ O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C/ **Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.**

P/ Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

All/ **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love: According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

P/ God has been listening! And He tells us that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He further assures every repentant sinner: I have blotted out, as a thick cloud your transgressions, and your sins and iniquities I will remember no more. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C/ **Praise the Lord, our God! We receive it thankfully and resolve to live as God's people. Amen.**

Collect for the Day

P/ Let us pray...

All/ **Almighty God, because you know that we are set among so many and great dangers that by reason of the weakness of our fallen nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (p.p. 205, 190-191)

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (p.p. 1216, 1136)

Hymn #407 *Jesus Paid It All*

The Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (p.p. 1064, 994-995)

The Confession of Faith (See inside front cover of hymnal)

The Sermon

Hymn #398 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Offering

Offertory "We give Thee..." (#391, st.1)

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn #586 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

Postlude



-There will be no regular Sunday School classes this morning due to the annual meeting. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to the potluck following the meeting, but please refrain from voting if you are not officially a member of the congregation.

This week –

Mon.	Jan. 29	6:30 a.m.	Men's Study
Wed.	Jan. 31	12:00 p.m.	Women's Study
		5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		7:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Church
Sun.	Feb. 4	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Fellowship

Last Sunday – attendance 42; offering \$687.00
Lessons for 2/4 – Is. 40:21-31; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Mark 1:29-39