



Sunday, January 31, 2021

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[This Week's Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart
in the company of the congregation.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
ever mindful of the covenant.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just,
established forever and ever.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

God's praise endures forever!

adapted from Psalm 111

*OPENING PRAYER

God of the promise of life eternal, as we gather this day to worship and sing your praises, we stand in awe of your wondrous love and dedication to your people. Let us take comfort in your faithfulness and justice that envelops all people. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We fall short of the glory of God, but we know that because of God's unending love and mercy, evil does not have the final say. With this in mind and heart, let us boldly confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you.
Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings.
You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ,
but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends.
You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit,
but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God.
You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise,
but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin.
Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness,
show us how to share it with one another.**

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No matter how many times we turn from God, God never turns away from us. Because of this unconditional love, through Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,
As hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind, and soul,
To disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious Lord, in the word you have given to us, may you give us a better understanding of what it means to follow you. We ask that your Spirit give us the spiritual fuel to help us follow you so that by our lives, others may know you more clearly. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 111:1-10
Here ends the psalm. **Amen.**

Mark 1:21-28
The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. David Madewell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of everlasting love, as you gather us again at this table, we thank you for reminding us that no matter how we walk away from you that you will never walk away from us. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN

Christ, In Capernaum

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Christ, in Capernaum, people were awed by your preaching.
You had authority many could hear in your teaching.
In you they saw
Love that informed all their law -
Truth that was kind and far-reaching.
2. Into that place came a man who was troubled in spirit.
He cried aloud so the worshiping people could hear it.
Awe mixed with fear!
God's loving reign had come near!
Evil could simply not bear it.
3. Lord, you rebuked all that kept him from knowing God's healing;
You countered evil with power that sent spirits reeling.
God has control!
God wants our lives to be whole!
This was what you were revealing.

4. Still there is evil that tries to destroy and enslave us,
Still, by your grace, we encounter your power to save us.
You heal our pain,
Showing the joy of God's reign.
This is the teaching you give us!

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Rev. David Madewell

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Dennis Jewett, Director of Music

ASSISTING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education
Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Organist
Choral Scholars