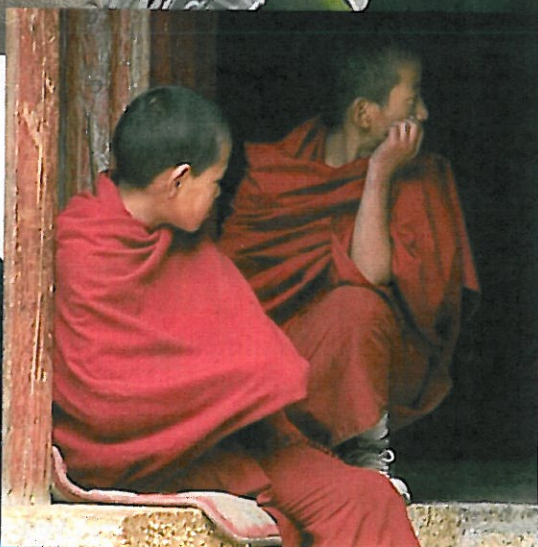


Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2011
8:45am and 11am



We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.

For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Gathering Song** *Blessed Assurance* 638

◆ **Welcome and Announcements**

◆ **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spread out the heavens and the earth, who gives us light and breath to the nations, who makes all things new.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Holy and healing God,

C: **we confess that we have fallen short of the life you desire for us. We choose our priorities over your commandments. We divide the body of Christ. The earth groans under our demands. Have mercy, O God. Restore us and all things to health, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." You belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross your sins are all forgiven. God is faithful and will strengthen you, that your light may shine before others, that you may be God's holy people in the world. **Amen.**

◆ **Opening Song** *In Christ There is No East nor West* **650**
(melody 620)

◆ **Greeting**

P: The grace of God in Christ Jesus, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ **First Reading**

1 Peter 3:8-16b

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called--that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." ¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

◆ **Special Music** *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*
Peace Choir

We shall walk through the valley in peace, For Jesus Himself will be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. We will meet our loved ones there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there. For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

◆ **Gospel Reading** *John 14:1-7*

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

◆ **Children's Message** *Pastor Mark Nelson*

◆ **Song** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 588

◆ **Message** *"When Talking about Other Religions"*
Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ **Song** *Drawn to the Light* 593

◆ **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the

third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

◆ *Offering Response* *Create In Me* 185

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

◆ *Prayer Song* *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Ardis Bogen, Karen Bramer **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Scott Hyde, Ruth Lahti, Chantal Lenway, Lynn Engel **Military:** Matt Bartels*

◆ **Holy Communion**

Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

◆ **Communion Song** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* 502

◆ **Communion Blessing and Prayer**

P: Let us pray:

Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms and nourished us as your dear children. Lead us and guide us, that we may share our bread and your healing light with those who hunger and thirst, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ **God's Blessing to Us**

P: God the Father, the Majestic Glory; God the Son, the Morning Star; and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, bless you and grant you peace. **Amen.**

◆ **Song** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* 836

◆ **Sending**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants

8:45am

Ushers: Dan and Cheryl Larson
Greeters: Dan and Barb Pjevach
Lector: Jeremy Macejkovic
Communion Assts: Jeremy and Julia Macejkovic

11:00am

Ushers: Steve and Pam Kairies
Greeters: Bob and Kim Barnett
Lector: Evan Hansen
Communion Assts: Evan and Rhonda Hansen

Music: Jon and Anita Young
Hosts: Marc Hansen and Leslie Pratt
Peace Brass Quartet: Steve Kaare, Andrew Cross, trumpet; Ryan Johnson, Annika Reinighaus, trombone

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