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Order of Worship for

A Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

**Please stand as you are able*

***GATHERING SONG #399 God Welcomes All**

WELCOME

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

We bring hope for health and wholeness.

What afflictions do you bring to worship?

Physical pain, from illness and injury.

Emotional pain, from sad and scary life situations.

Mental pain, from thoughts that play over and over, telling lies.

With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to church this morning!

Where else would we be?!

For we yearn to know God's powerful love that conquers our fears
**and tells us we are more than this body, these thoughts, these feelings:
we are whole in God who is walking us in the peaks and valleys of life,
toward wholeness, toward love. Amen.**

PRELUDE He Leadeth Me William Bradbury, arr. Rouse

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you are my God, and I am yours.

I seek you.

I have glimpsed your power and glory,

and I long to be closer to you, to know you more.

Your steadfast love is better than life, better than air.

I will praise you and bless you with my life, God.

Here I am.

I lift up my hands and call upon your name.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***Hymn #80 You Shall Go Out with Joy**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ. We are sometimes prisoners of fear and habit. We have failed to take every thought captive and surrender them to you. Set us free, True Lord of our lives, to live and to love, that we may be the people you have created us to be. Amen. *Moment of silence*

Kyrie #551

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*PRAISE RESPONSE # 595 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #581

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Hear the Word of God. **Our ears are open.**

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10

Refrain: **"Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia."**

SECOND READING Mark 1:21-28

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SERMON "God's Prophet Who Sees Our Fears" Rev. Jane Herring

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Excerpted from the Second Helvetic Confession 1566)*

We believe and teach that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in his true

flesh in which he was crucified and died, rose again from the dead.

OFFERTORY 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Myron/Redman, arr. by Hayes

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Take My Life and Let It Be Cesar Malan, arr. Berry

Serving today in worship:

John Sevier, Worship Leader Claire Cope, Pianist

Karen Rosenberg, Liturgist Rev. Jane Herring, Minister