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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 31, 2021

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Rondo - Blake

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Meditation on Fairest Lord Jesus - Cooman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.
Great are the works of the Lord.

HYMN – “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

**Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim, All in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain, Everlasting is Your reign.**

**Hark, the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**All apostles join the strain As Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning.
You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news
that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

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.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Saving God, you are the source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace

and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 18:15-22

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die. ²¹ You may say to yourself, “How can we recognize a word that the LORD has not spoken?” ²² If a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He^[a] commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – “Confrontation and Promises” – Rev. Anthony Lorenz

HYMN – “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving
in the way you meet our needs each day,
and in the peace you give which passes understanding.
Having received so much, we offer all we have,
our time, talents and money for your kingdom.
Bless these gifts for the work of your church. AMEN**

SENDING

HYMN – “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found;**

**So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE – *Presto* - Pescetti



SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Bill Beck

Reader: Carlton Walker

Vocalists: Ron & Deb Richcreek

Camera: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

*** the church at work thru these inter-denominational partners:**

Congregations of: Christ Lutheran Church & Health Ministries; First United Church of Christ, Carlisle;
Zion Lutheran Church, Lebanon

*** the congregation (at random):** Lyn Barr; Rachel, Wade, William & Evelyn Graver

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

~ **Monday, 7 PM:** Deacons meeting (via Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY . . . 5th Sunday after Epiphany . . . February 7, 2021

WORSHIP: (recording of service, 9:30 AM)

NOTE: While in-person worship is suspended currently, Sunday morning worship continues to be recorded and posted by Noon on the church website, church Facebook page, and YouTube (“Sunday on the Square”).

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Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
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