



# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** .....Megan Baines

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

**PRELUDE**.....Dottie Rambo

*We Shall Behold Him*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Grant Gonsalves

Leader: Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.  
Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

**PEOPLE: GOD IS OUR ROCK OF REFUGE, OUR STRONG FORTRESS.  
GOD SAVES US AMID WICKEDNESS AND CRUELTY.**

Leader: Hope in God, who has created you.  
Open yourselves to the one who knows you well.

**PEOPLE: GOD ACCEPTS US, EVEN WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT.  
GOD AFFIRMS US, EVEN WHEN WE FAIL.**

Leader: Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.  
God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

**UNISON: WE HAVE COME TO EMBRACE THE MYSTERIES OF OUR FAITH.  
WE ARE HERE TO WORSHIP THE GOD WHO EMPOWERS US.**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Ava Gardner

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**..... (see screen)

*Forever*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of Your love. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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. 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.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35

*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST READING** (pg. 926).....1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**ANTHEM**.....Ruth Elaine Schram

*At Home, Let There Be Love*

**SECOND READING** (pg. 582).....Isaiah 40:21-23; 25-31

**MESSAGE**.....Rev. Martha Mitchell

*"On Eagles Wings"*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**.....Adoniram Gordon

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

With awe and wonder before You, O God, we dare to enlist all our efforts toward the realization of Your realm. Where there is injustice, we would champion those oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept them in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. Amen.

**GIVE THANKS**.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 390

*Lord of Our Highest Love*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Jennifer Larson

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Lois Pyles

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....John Foley

*One Bread, One Body*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 526**

*The Gift of Love*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....John Wimber**

*Spirit Song*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder Game Sunday in LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Zach Lowman, Mike Wyatt, Rosemary Lahy, Sharon Jenson



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today. We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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