

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 3, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The word of God comes into our lives in many ways.

People: God's word calls to us now, here in our worship.

Leader: God's calling word invites us to praise and thanksgiving.

People: God's word comes to us, calling us to new life and action through service.

One: We worship the living God and offer our praises to the Eternal One – Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Word of God, Come Down to Earth"

No. 182

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

No. 2193

UNISON PRAYER

Living God, where do you get your energy?

**As if the continuous creation of the universe is not enough,
you are also active among us, mending broken hearts, restoring hope,
reconciling us to each other. Your strength never fails!**

**In this season of cold days and long nights,
we are tempted to hibernate, to withdraw into a warm, safe place.**

We need to recoup our strength and reorganize our priorities.

Our inner fire needs to be fed.

**You, Lord, are the only source
from which we can draw the strength we need.**

**Come to us in this hidden season of growth.
Help us get our house back in order,
To listen to your word to us
that we may attend to your work with new passion.
God, invigorate us with the vitality of the Spirit.
Energize us with your love.
Equip us with power to serve you,
and help us to seize this day with joy! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

*"Now let us offer prayers for ourselves, for each other, for our families, for this church and all churches, for the persons we will have contact with this week, for this beautiful and broken world of nations and peoples (**all may offer silent prayers**).*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"City Called Heaven" arr. Josephine Poelinitz

Soloist: Dave Chrostek

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I'm left in this old wide world alone; Oh I ain't got no hope for tomorrow; I've trying to make heav'n my home. Sometimes I am tossed and driven, Lord; Sometimes I don't know which way to turn; I've heard of a city called heaven; I've trying to make it my home.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4: 22-30

(NT p. 61)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time—Part Four:
"Agitator"*

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.*

Hymn of Invitation

"Time Now to Gather In"

No. 2265

Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

(see below)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "Now Let Us from This Table Rise"

No. 634

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Grant Us Thy Peace"

John Ellerton

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

**All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.*

Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

When the time was right,
God, you sent Jesus to be among us.

Born into this life,
seeing your grace revealed in all things,
he laughed with those who laughed,
and mourned with those who mourned.

Through your love, he healed the sick,
he welcomed the outcast,
he challenged those in power,
and the structures that kept them there.

And he called us back to your love.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
the Christ laughs and cries,
heals and welcomes,
challenges and loves,
again and again and again.

So we remember what we have been told that,
on the night before he was taken
to be tortured to death on a cross,
Jesus sat with his disciples,
and ate with them, in a meal of remembrance.

Jesus took a loaf of bread,
asked Your blessing upon it, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

"Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is me. My body. Given for you.
Each time you eat it, remember me."

Close to the meal's end,
he took a cup filled with wine,
asked your blessing upon it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink it.
This is me. This is my promise in my life's blood -
poured out for you and for the world.
Each time you drink it, remember me.

Now come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love,
and let the bread and cup before us
bear your life to our lives,
nourish us with his vision of hope,
and unite us in one body of peace.
Empower us to bear good fruit in your world.

You are our life;
You are our hope;
You are our peace;
And we praise you.
Amen.