



Forth Sunday after Epiphany | January 29, 2023

"If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective." - Martin Luther King Jr.



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*Please stand
As you are able

Welcome and Announcements:

Trinity Chimes:

Prelude *Partita on NETTLETON* John Eggert

*Call to Worship: Responsive reading

One: Ever-present God; forever seeking and always teaching:

All: Open our minds to the truth of your care;

One: Open our hearts to the gentle cares of your love;

All: Open our lips to share stories of faith;

One: Open our souls to breathe of your Spirit;

All: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

*Hymn of Praise 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 NRSV

Music of Preparation *Be Thou My Vision*
The Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8

Sermon “What Does God Require of Us?”

Hymn of Response 2172 *We Are Called*

1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and
The love of the Lord!
We are called to be
Light for the kingdom, to
Live in the freedom of
The city of God!

(Refrain)

We are called to act with
justice, we are called to
love tenderly, we are called
to serve one another, to walk
humbly with God!

2.Come! Open your heart!
show your mercy to all those
in fear! We are called to be
hope for the hopeless so all
hatred and blindness will be No more!

(Refrain)

3.Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that
great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk
with each other as sisters and
brothers united in love!

(Refrain)

Offertory *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Don Phillips

***Doxology #94** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
Power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

ALL: O God, when was the last time we stood on our tiptoes, stretching to see over the horizon, stretching to see tomorrow? Many times, we are complacent and view life from the easy chair. We are often content to have life come to us. Lord, shock us out of the easy chair. Holy Spirit, get us up on our tiptoes again; put us on frontiers of your revelation. As seekers, help us affirm our faith. As disciples, help us speak to others about Jesus, the Christ. As disciples, help us to follow faithfully. As servants, help us to serve. As your children, help us to share in your eternity. In Christ's name we pray for forgiveness.

Leader: Here the good news: God walked upon this earth sharing our human life in Jesus as Christ, showing us the Way to love and forgiveness.

ALL: Through Jesus' life and death God forgives us all through Love and Grace.

The 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. Amen**

***Sending Hymn**

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
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Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks, give thanks.

***Benediction**

**May we go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of us!
Amen.**

Postlude

Jubilate

Gordon Young

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“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Words: Cesareo Gabarain; Trans by Gertrude C. Suppe, George
Jesus Calls Us

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852

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