

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY JANUARY 29, 2017

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” with “I Will Sing of the Mercies” arranged by Carol Tornquist

\*Opening Song “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” 342

\*A Call to Worship *The Citizens of Zion*

O Lord, who may lodge as a guest in Your tent? Who may dwell continually on Your holy hill?

**The men and women who walk with integrity and strength of character, who work for righteousness, and speak and hold the truth in their hearts.**

The citizens of Zion do not slander with the tongue, nor do evil to a neighbor, nor take up a reproach against a friend; in their eyes an evil person is despised,

**But the righteous honor those who fear the Lord and obediently worship the Lord with awe-inspired reverence and submissive wonder.**

The Godly keep their word even to their own disadvantage and do not change it for personal gain or benefit;

**The Lord’s servants do not loan out money at interest to a fellow believer, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

Every person who does these things will never be shaken.

**The people who do these things will find true happiness.**  
Adaptation of Psalm 15 (The Amplified Bible)

\*Invocational Prayer

\*Song of Faith “Open Our Eyes” 491  
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1-8

New Testament Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

\*The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ Matthew 5:1-12

\*Responsorial “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” 264

**Community and Congregational 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

**Invitation to the Offering** – The Lord does not require burnt offerings, as of old, but only that we would do justice by sharing, and love kindness by acting with generosity, and walk humbly with the Lord. With such gifts let us exalt the Lord Most High!

**Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory “Folk Beatitudes” *by David Eddleman*

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

\*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Message: “The Foolishness of Preaching”  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\*Song “The Wonderful Cross” Worship Team

**\*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      **“Sing to the King” with “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arranged by Carol Tornquist**

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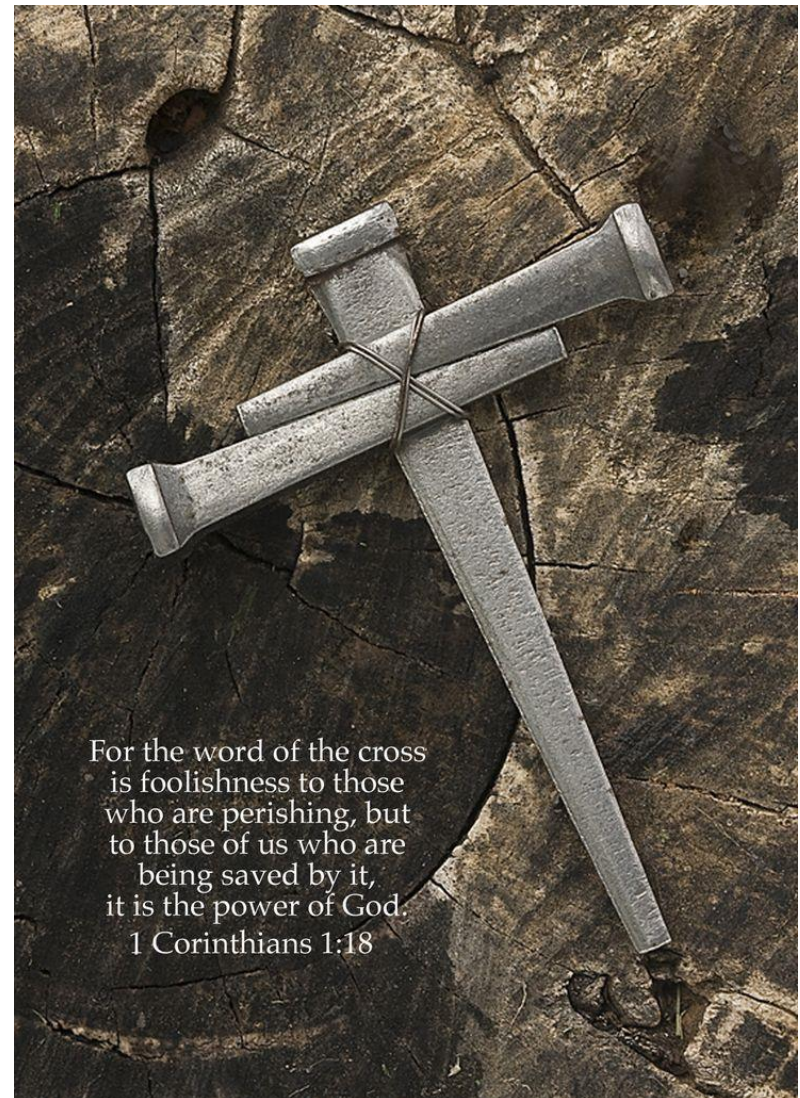
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# THE WONDERFUL CROSS



For the word of the cross  
is foolishness to those  
who are perishing, but  
to those of us who are  
being saved by it,  
it is the power of God.  
1 Corinthians 1:18

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