

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 31, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship – Holy Spirit of God, you reign over all creation, you command even the unclean spirits and they obey you. Make us clean and ready for worship. Make us obedient to no lesser spirit, to a spirit no less holy than that of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time

Song # 23 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*Call to Worship

There is One God, the Creator of all,

In whom we live and move and have our being.

There is One Lord, Jesus Christ,

For whom and through whom all things were made.

There are many spirits, but there is only One Holy Spirit.

All who love God are known by Him, who puts his Spirit upon and within his people. Let us worship God

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*Invocation Prayer

Songs of Faith # 502 “Be Thou My Vision”

The Prayer of God’s People and 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 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 the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from the Psalter

Psalms 111:1-10

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Song

“May the Words”

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Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Invitation to the Offerings, Prayer, and Offertory Special

Message

“Jesus – The Holy One of God”

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

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

***Song # 402** **“Spirit of the Living God”**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

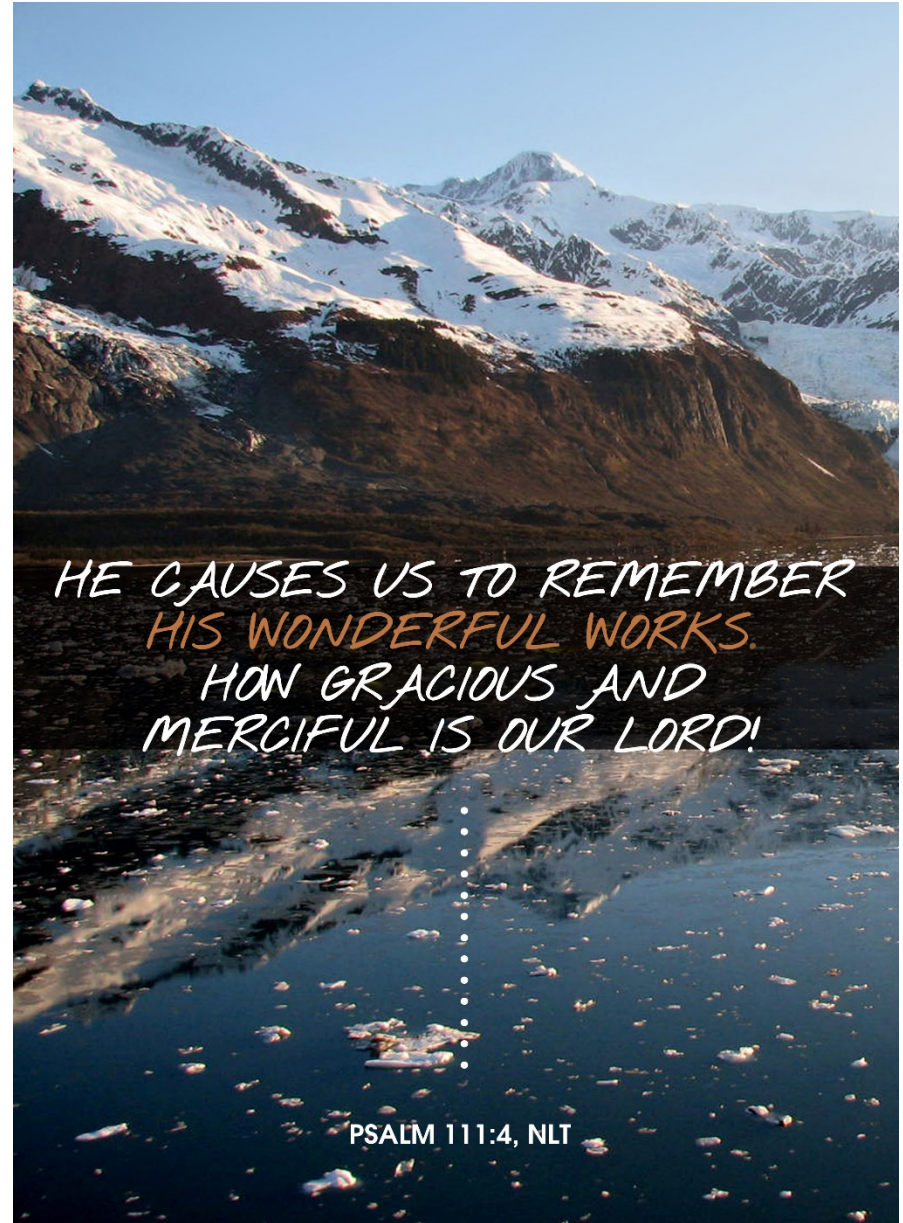
*Please stand if able

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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