

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 5, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

*Opening (Stand) #649 "Gather Us In" *GATHER US IN*

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Come, all who would do what is right;
Come, all who would speak truth from the heart,

Let us gather in God's holy temple.

Take up no reproach against your neighbor.

Make peace and honor those who fear the Lord!

God is faithful and steadfast and good!

Let us remember the saving acts of the Lord!

Indeed, God has told you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God,

Let us, one and all, devote ourselves to such things!

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*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith #244 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad" *PUER NOBIS*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Fran Seymour-Hunter

The First Reading Micah 6: 1-8

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

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

*Responsorial (Stand) "Shine Jesus Shine" *WORSHIP TEAM*

*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

Children's Sermon (Kids are invited to the front of the sanctuary)

Announcements & Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations -
Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication – We thank you, O God, that you do not weary us, but set us free; that you do not condemn us, but you reveal to us all the mighty and wonderful deeds you have done to rescue us from death and to redeem us from sin. Though we are lowly, allow us to ascend and render to you these humble gifts, that you might use them in accordance with your wisdom for the salvation and freedom of others, in Jesus' name.



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A Prayer of Illumination & The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Communion Song # "Fill My Cup Lord"

Invitation, Words of Institution, 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –

*Closing Hymn (Stand) #BH 364 "Send the Light"

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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