

***"What is this? A new teaching--with authority!
He commands even the unclean spirits,
and they obey him."
(Mark 1:27b)***

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(The congregation is invited to stand as able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE: Improvisation Kevin G. Lindsay

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creating God, your grace overwhelms us.

Glory! Wonder! We praise you!

Your Word is made flesh.

Your Truth is made real among us.

Blessing! Beauty! We thank you!

You dwell within us, giving new life,
overcoming all that would diminish life.

Greetings! Welcome! We open ourselves to your Spirit.

By the power of your Word,
set us free and restore your image within us.

**Alleluia! Come, Spirit of Life,
and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

To God Be the Glory 79

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Psa. 29:2

FANNY J. CROSBY

WILLIAM H. DOANE

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be - liev - er the
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re - joic - ing thro'

gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the
prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from
Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be Our won - der, our

Refrain

Life - gate that all may go in.
Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His
trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the

Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

Healing God, we lay our lives before you:

all that is,

and all that has been,

what is helpful and what is hurtful.

We lay open to the light of your grace.

All that has distanced us from you and others,

what we have done,

and what we have left undone,

the wounds that led us to these choices

and the wound these choices have caused.

Accept us as we are,

we humbly ask you, tender God:

Receive our sorrow and disappointment,

heal us and cast out all evil spirits.

Forgive us and set us free,

so that we may live in your grace alone. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE **

We are a broken people becoming whole again.

We are wounded people being healed again.

We are captive people walking free again.

We are a sinful people given grace again.

Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

SUNG RESPONSE: **R**

*Great are the works of the Lord,
which abound to the ends of the earth.*

R

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 have pleasure in them.

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures for ever,
who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant. **R****

The Lord has shown his people the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.

**The works of the Lord's hands are faithful
and just; the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;
they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and wondrous is God's name!

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures for ever. **R****

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Trad. Irish poem; Arr. by Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
be all else but naught to me save that thou art
be thou my best thought In the day and the night
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom be thou my true word
be thou ever with me, and I with me, Lord
be thou my great father and I thy true son
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart
O Sovereign of Heaven my treasure thou art
great heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be thou my vision, be thou my vision
O ruler of all.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CRILDREN ARE PRESENT)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit



1. "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it,"
2. Lord, the de - mons still are thiv - ing
3. Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it,



Cried God's heal - ing, ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing!
In the grey cells of the mind: Ty - rant voic - es
In our mind and in our heart. Speak your word that,



Flesh can't bear it. Flee as ³ night be -
shrill and driv - ing, Twist - ed thoughts that
when we hear it, All our de - mons



fore the sun." At Christ's voice the
grip and bind, Doubts that stir the
shall de - part. Clear our thought and



de - mon trem-bled, From its vic - tim mad - ly rushed,
heart to pan - ic, Fears dis - tort - ing rea - son's sight,
calm our feel - ing, Still the frac-tured, war - ring soul.



While the crowd that was as - sem - bled
Guilt that makes our lov - ing fran - tic,
By the pow - er of your heal - ing



Stood in ³ won - der, stunned and hushed.
Dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
Make us faith - ful, true, and whole.

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Please remain standing for the Gospel Lesson

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

70

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men."

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

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SERMON Karen Manning -- Lay Leader

“You Belong Here! - 4”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

I Need Thee Every Hour

476

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour, stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, teach me thy will,

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain
 I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

WORDS: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918); ref. Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 472

Musical score for the hymn "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus". The score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace."

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Leader: "The Lord be with you "

People: "And also with you..."

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (As above)

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THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



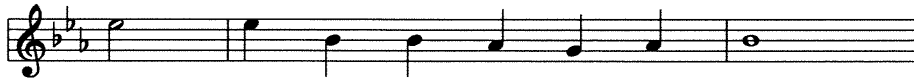
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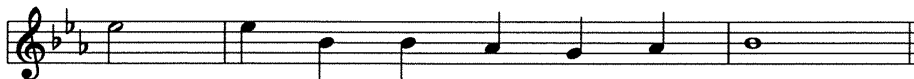
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Christ, in Capernaum

1. Christ, in Ca - per - na - um, peo - ple were awed by your preach -
2. In - to that place came a man who was troub - led in spir -
3. Lord, you re - buked all that kept him from know - ing God's heal -
4. Still there is e - vil that tries to de - stroy and en - slave

ing. You had au - thor - i - ty man - y could hear in your
it. He cried a - loud so the wor - ship - ing peo - ple could
ing; you coun - tered e - vil with pow - er that sent spir - its
us, still, by your grace, we en - coun - ter your pow - er to

teach - ing. In you they saw love that in - formed all their
hear - it. Awe mixed with fear! God's lov - ing reign had come
reel - ing. God has con - trol! God wants our lives to be
save us. You heal our pain, show - ing the joy of God's

law, truth that was kind and far - reach - ing.
near! E - vil could sim - ply not bear it.
whole! This was what you were re - veal - ing.
reign. This is the teach - ing you give us!

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015 (Mark 1:21-28)

LOBE DEN HERREN

MUSIC: *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in F

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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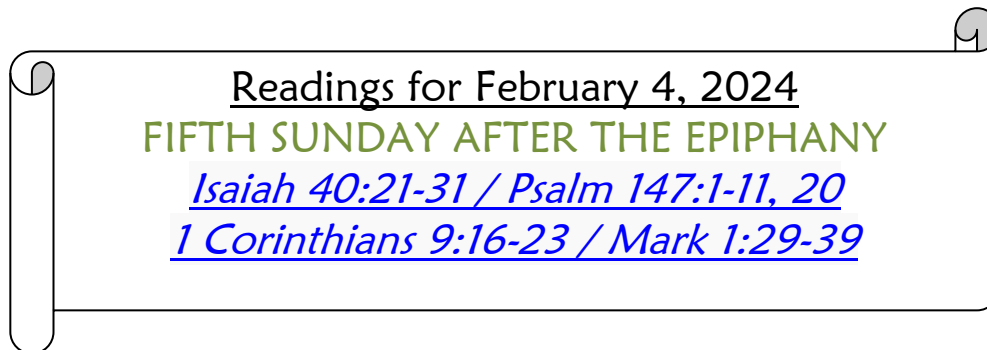
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