

SPIRIT DIVINE

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 2024



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

~ J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the one, true God.

Our God is the power which created and sustains all there is.

We come hear the words of God, words of authority and restoration.

As great as our God may be, we sometimes fail to give those words the authority they deserve.

We come to confess our fears, our failings, and our limited faith.

Lord, we pray that by your grace you would overlook our shortcomings and help us become the people you would have us to be, that your reign might come on earth.

We gather in faith and hope in a God who continues to have authority over all that opposes God's work of redemption, all that opposes life, and offer our lives to God.

Gracious and merciful God, accept our worship today even as we pray you accept us.

***HYMN #24:** *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (*Old Testament page 174*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL #836: Psalm 111

SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 8:1-13 (*New Testament page 171*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28 (*New Testament page 35*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #368:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

CHORAL ANTHEM: *View Me, Lord*

~ Richard Lloyd

*View me, Lord, work of thine; Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.*

*Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.*

*Wordly joys, like shadows, fade When the heav'nly light appears;
But the covenant thou hast made, Endless, Know nor days nor years.*

*In thy word, Lord, is my trust, To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust, Yet thy grace can lift me high.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #664:** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *In dir ist Freude (BWV 615)*

~ J. S. Bach

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!

GREETERS: Dawn and Jane Leach
READERS: Sarah and Colin Quackenbush
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Arlie Swanson
USHER: Cinda Madonna
COFFEE SERVERS: Jean and Tom Mohrweis
LIVESTREAM: Catelyn Anderson

