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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.

We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

**January 31, 2021
Order of Worship
4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: God's eternal glory is showered on us.

People: God's eternal power and honor is revealed to us.

Pastor: Surrender your lives to God.

People: Let all the earth and heavens praise God. Alleluia!

PRAISING

OPENING HYMN

"God of Love and God of Power"

No. 578

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

People: in the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,

Pastor: in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

People: in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

Pastor: By this I have known the power of the Lord:

People: in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,

Pastor: in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,

People: in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

People: Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

TFWS No. 2158

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

PRAYING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

No. 361

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord.

People: **We listen for the word of God.**

FIRST LESSON

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL IS READ

Mark 1:21-28

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“End the Isolation”

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RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of gifts, God of glory, these glorious gifts of yours we return to you for your work. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God’s Son, calls us to teach others of God’s power and might.

People: **From this worshipping fellowship, we go into the community, seeking to tell others our stories.**

Pastor: Share how God has transformed you. Invite others to become disciples of this new teacher.

People: **We will invite others to share our journey even if it scares us to death.**

Pastor: Share how God has brought you to knowledge and wisdom of new ways, new opportunities, and new ways of being.

People: **We go with joy. We leave in peace. Amen**

CLOSING HYMN:

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

No. 560

“WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!”

Liturgist: