



# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | *January 28, 2024*

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Do something mighty in us today, Lord. Do something mighty, and do it for Thy Name's sake and for Your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. John White*

## PRELUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Page

## CHORAL INTROIT

*We Have Come to Worship the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Yannerella

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 139)*

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**ALL:** *You know when I sit down and when I rise up.*

One: Where can I go from your spirit?

**ALL:** *Where can I flee from your presence?*

One: If I ascend to heaven, you are there.

**ALL:** *If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*

One: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, you are there.

**ALL:** *If I hide under the cover of darkness, you are there.*

One: You are here, O Lord.

**ALL:** *You are here, O God.*

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart.

**ALL:** *Test me, and know my thoughts.*

**ALL:** *Let us worship God.*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE: 54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

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## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. John White*

One: God of mercy and grace, you are able to command us to love one another because in Christ, you lived and breathed love in all you said and did.

**ALL:** *Forgive us, God.*

One: If our mission has been to the church as if the world did not matter, or to the whole world as if our local situation did not matter,

**ALL:** *Forgive us when we substitute ideas and words about love for its practice in our daily lives.*

One: God of mercy and grace, you call us to be prophetic witnesses of your love.  
**ALL:** *Forgive us for attempting to justify our lack of action, and our failure to love those who are different from ourselves.*

One: God of mercy and grace, you have shown us that love can be patient and kind; that genuine love is not envious, boastful, arrogant or rude. Above all, you demonstrated that love could bear all things, hope all things and endure all things.  
**ALL:** *Forgive us for being so influenced by the 'noisy gongs' and 'clanging cymbals' of our age that we fail to discern your call to love others as you have loved us.*

One: God of mercy and grace, strengthen us all in the knowledge that when our love has its source in you, it cannot be defeated by outward circumstances and influences. Realign our lives and our hearts to your love so that faith, hope, and love dwell within us and our lives testify that the greatest of your gifts is truly the gift of love. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. John White*

One: God's righteousness has been revealed in Jesus. For God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.  
**ALL:** *All those who believe in Christ are not condemned! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581** *Glory Be to the Father  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, a-men.*

**GLORIA PATRI**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. John White*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**ALL:** *And also with you.*

## **THE WORD**

### **ANTHEM**

*Guide My Feet*  
Jeff Chambers, tenor

arr. by Hopson

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Susannah White*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN: 744** *Arise, Your Light is Come*

**FESTAL SONG**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 635-636)*

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*John 1:35-42 (pg. 92)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

***ALL: Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

*Andrew*

*Rev. John White*

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,  
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

**OFFERTORY**

*Song by Uehlein*

*Dr. Terry McRoberts*

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

***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.***

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Elder Ann Y. Schmidt*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN: 753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Alleluia!*

*Patterson*

*Chancel Choir*

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude  
as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata Festiva*

*Ritter*

*Dr. Terry McRoberts*