

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2017

8:30 am

## Contemporary Service of Worship

*(During our time of worship, you are free to stand in Jesus' presence or to sit at his feet, as you feel moved by the Holy Spirit of God.)*

### Welcoming & Announcements

#### Praise and Worship:

I Will Boast  
Open the Eyes of My Heart  
The Heart of Worship

#### Opening Prayer:

L. God of justice, kindness, and mercy, guide us in our lives to live into the ways You have taught us and set before us. Guide us to seek justice in all we do, and to remember that Your justice is restoring and healing. Teach us how to be kinder, to show kindness to all people and to creation, to live with the reflection of Your love in our hearts. Help us to show mercy to others, even when it is hard, remember that You grant us mercy every day. Keep us to the path You have laid out before us, that the prophets spoke of old and the great teachers of the faith have steered us towards. In the name of Jesus, our Teacher, Savior and Friend, we pray. Amen.

#### Proclamation:

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 Pew Bible 923

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible 958

Sermon

Silent Meditation

#### Our Response

Prayers *(Please use prayer cards to indicate thanksgivings and concerns)*

The Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

Overwhelmed

#### Dismissal with Blessing

Last Chorus of Overwhelmed

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## Sermon Notes / Prayer Requests

10:45 AM

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*Preparation*

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** Blessed Are the Peacemakers Tom Birchwood

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

- L. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,
- P. They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**
- L. Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving.
- P. They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**
- L. Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness.
- P. They will find it in God's reign forever.**
- L. Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs.
- P. We will live in God's reign forever.**
- L. Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.
- P. Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Christ for the World We Sing" No. 568

**OPENING PRAYER:**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Micah 6:1-8 Pew Bible 923

**SUNG RESPONSE:** "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" No. 430  
*(Verses 1 & 4)*

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible 958

**PREPARATION HYMN:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

**SERMON**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*Response*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *(Please use prayer cards to indicate thanksgivings & concerns).*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** Total Praise Richard Smallwood  
Arr. Patrick Barrett & Dorreen Rap

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Sending Forth*

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Praise to God the Father Franklin Ritter