



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 31, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Wounded World that Cries for Healing
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Hal Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Charles Wesley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 111:1-4

Dr. Martin and **People**

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 delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

***HYMN**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

*Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.*



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*As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **universal UMH 881*

***GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

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. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

All of These

Craig Curry

*How vast His grace! How great His faithfulness!
How deep His love! How rich His mercy!
How high His thoughts! How sure His wisdom!
And all of these, He gives to me.*

*So I will praise Him with every breath,
for He has rescued me from certain death.
And now this life I live, I live in Him.
O let His glory shine while mine grows dim.*

*How just His ways! How good His discipline!
How pure His truth! How kind His goodness!
How calm His peace! How long His patience!
And all of these, He gives to me.*

*How broad His power! How grand His majesty!
How true His reign! How bright His glory!
How strong His might! How clear His triumph!
And all of these, He gives to me.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

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.

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Martin and People

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 1:21-28

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²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Is This?

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***HYMN**

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

SUTTON COMMON

*Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.*

*Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.*

*Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin,
dispel the memories of guilt and bring me peace within.*

*Fill me, joy of Jesus, anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus bring me peace!*

***BENEDICTION**

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*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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Please remember in your prayers:

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Billy Arnold
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Annelle Burch

Joe Byers
Richard Clayton
Kathie Cochran
Rachel Colbert
Summer Dorsey

Bob Garrett
Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin

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