

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Online Worship
January 31, 2021

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" with "Un Sospiro" by Franz Liszt Adam Peithmann
- arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT "Thy Word" – Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We come together as a community of faith. We have come to talk and listen to God.

People: May our faces shine with anticipation! Our God has invited us to this time of worship.

Leader: We share a covenant of promise and hope. Our spirits have been set free to praise the God we love.

People: Let us praise God's holy name! Let us share in the glory of God's life!

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God of all time and space, you have given us the gift of life to handle with prayer. You call us today to the mountaintop to see the brightness of your glory. Enlighten and empower us to listen and obey the One we call Lord through all the struggles and joys of this life, all the way to the cross and beyond. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

HYMN # 86 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "In This Time" – Larry Sivis

SCRIPTURE READING

Liz Verity

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the

name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.” You may say to yourself, “How can we recognize a word that the Lord has not spoken?” If a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“A Word the Lord Has Not Spoken”

Rev. Kevin Pleas

HYMN #2

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the grace of God,
Deeper than our imagination;
The strength of Christ,
Stronger than our need;
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
Richer than our togetherness,
Guide and sustain us today
And in all our tomorrows.**

Amen

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in A minor BWV 543” – Johann Sebastian Bach

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Opening Hymn No. 86

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness!

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided – Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Great is thy faithfulness! (Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! (Refrain)

Closing Hymn No. 2

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part; love divine is reigning o’er us, binding those of tender heart. So singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part; love divine is reigning o’er us, binding those of tender heart. So singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.