

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Worship Leader
Online Worship
January 30, 2022

PRELUDE "Praise Him! Praise Him!" – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

INTROIT # 533 "We've Come This Far by Faith"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

People: But who am I, that God should call me?

Leader: You are a beloved child of God.

People: But I am weak. I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

Leader: God is with you; don't be afraid.

People: Help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, we come to you today to hear your good news and seek your guidance and strength. We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest, and stop us from listening to your living Word. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. Amen.

HYMN # 526 "The Gift of Love"

TIME TO WONDER "Love is...Love is not..." Rev. Carolyn Keilig

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE # 303 "In This Time"

MUSICAL OFFERING "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
by William Moore/arr. Don Hustad Susan Wilkes, Flute

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,

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and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Uncomfortable Truth”

Rev. Carolyn Keilig

HYMN # 482

“O Christians, Haste”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: God touches our mouths,

People: so we may go to share the good news.

Leader: Jesus touches our hands,

People: so we may serve all in need of life and hope.

Leader: The Spirit touches our hearts,

People: so we may be a haven for those who are longing for acceptance and love.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare on an Original Theme” – Gilbert Martin

The Call to Worship is from *Worship Connections* by Nancy C. Townley and the Benediction is from *Lectionary Liturgies* by Thom Shuman.

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.

Introit Hymn No. 533

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in his holy word, he’s never failed me yet. O can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.

Opening Hymn No. 526

“The Gift of Love”

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Prayer Response Hymn No. 303

“In This Time”

In this time of quiet reverence, God fill us now with everlasting peace and may each and ev’ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

Closing Hymn No. 482

“O Christians, Haste”

1. O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell the world that God is one who cares, that God who made all nations is not willing one life should perish, lost in deep despair. Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.
2. Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation, that God in whom we live and move, is love. Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above.
3. Give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your daughters, speed them on their way. Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, till God shall bring a new and joyful day.