

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 29, 2017

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book ("pew pad") where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Raymond

PRELUDE

Organ

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Robert W. Thygerson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dick Raymond

There is no one holy like the Lord;

there is no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God...

for the Lord is a God who knows,

and by him deeds are weighed.

He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

he seats them with princes

and has them inherit a throne of honor.

For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's;

upon them he has set the world.

--from 1 Samuel, chapter 2

*SONG OF WORSHIP:

"O WORSHIP THE KING"

(Hymn #29)

(VERSE 1)

O worship the King, all glorious above,

O gratefully sing his power and his love;

our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

(VERSE 2)

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,

whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

(VERSE 3)

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

(VERSE 4)

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend.

TIME OF PRAYER

Jenny Edminster

Prayer of Confession

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?
² The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
⁴ who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

– Psalm 15 (NIV)

**But we fall short of this, Lord. Hear our silent prayers
of confession.**

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways

and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on
them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

– Isaiah 55:6–7 (NIV)

SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

“JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW”

(Hymn #470)

(VERSE 1)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!
Little ones to him belong: they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(VERSE 2)

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven’s gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(VERSE 3)

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
he’s prepared a home for me, and some day his face I’ll see.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Jenny Edminster

Invitation to the Offering

With what shall we come before the Lord this day?
We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing
Christ’s love.
Let us walk in humble gratitude,
offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely
shares with us,
gifts for the healing of the world.

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***Doxology**

**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 Thanksgiving/Dedication

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world.

May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation.

Amen.

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Bringing our gifts and / or lighting a candle... Please feel free to go to either the front or the rear of the sanctuary.

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

"This Sabbath Hour"

Organ

James Southbridge

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Walter Welch

Micah 6:6–8 (NIV)

⁶ With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

I Cor. 1:26–31 (NIV)

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of

the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Matt. 5:1–12 (NIV)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute
you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because
of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your
reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.

“The Butterfly Effect”

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY”

(Hymn #73)

(VERSE 1)

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

(VERSE 2)

Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill,
he treasures up his bright designs and works his sovereign will.

(VERSE 3)

You fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds you so much
dread are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

(VERSE 4)

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

(VERSE 5)

Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan his work in vain:
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

BENEDICTION

Sam Palpant

POSTLUDE

“Faith Eternal”

Organ

Edward Broughton

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The annual congregational meeting will take place immediately following today's worship service. All members please stay for the meeting.

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In the pulpit today: Sam Palpant recently retired from clinical medicine. However, he is currently involved in teaching microbiology at the U. of W. and leading the infectious disease curriculum development for the new WSU medical school. His grandchildren will tell you he is good at slight-of-hand and can teach you a magic trick or two. His wife will tell you he now wears his slippers all day and may wear them to church someday. Both skeptic and believer at heart, he has always asked questions and welcomes yours.