

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 28, 2018

4th Sunday after the 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.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Raymond

PRELUDE

"The Lovely Name of Jesus"

Organ

Eric Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dick Raymond

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

(Hymn #558)

(VERSE 1)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

(VERSE 2)

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

(VERSE 3)

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

(VERSE 4)

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

“YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL”

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

(CHORUS)

**Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name.
You are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up,
When I am dry, you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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TIME OF PRAYER

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Call to Confession

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who
repent
calls us to name our failings and our hopes.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one
another.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and all-powerful God,
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,
and casts out destructive forces,
we confess that we are unable to do your will.
We protect what is familiar
and reject what is unknown.
We admire those with courage
but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.
We forget that you are always with us,
and that with you all things are possible.
Forgive us, lead us, make us new.
Remove our desire to heed false prophets,
and show us your way;
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

The God who made you and knows your every thought
hears you now and forgives you all your sin.
You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ,
God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega,
all in all.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

(Hymn #552, verses 1-2)

(VERSE 1)

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

(VERSE 2)

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

JUNIOR CHAPEL PRESENTATION

"Creation Week"

Diana Krebs, Bill Colvin, and the children

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

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Invitation to the Offering

Do not let idols grow and multiply in your hands,
but give of yourselves, your time, and your possessions
out of love for this creation
and honor toward what you have been given.

***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

For Earth, which you have molded,
for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire,
for Jesus who died and rose again,
for the breath of life,
we give you thanks, O God.

Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need,
in the name of all that you have first given us,
especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

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*You may bring your offering and/or light a candle at the front or
back of the sanctuary.*

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

Offertory

"Poème"

Organ

Leon Boëllmann

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 25:31–46 (NIV)

Judy Palpant

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you

something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

James 2:14–26 (NSRV)

Katie Stark

Faith and Deeds

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? ²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. ²³ Thus

the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? ²⁶ For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

MESSAGE

Katie Stark

“Faith Made Alive”

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR”

(Hymn #560)

(VERSE 1)

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling all I do and say.

(VERSE 2)

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through his power.

(VERSE 3)

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

(VERSE 4)

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea,
him exalting, self abasing—this is victory.

(VERSE 5)

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

(VERSE 6)

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

BENEDICTION

Katie Stark

POSTLUDE

“Scherzino”

Organ

Ludwig Van Beethoven

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In the pulpit today: Katie Stark has lived in Spokane for nearly two decades, arriving when she attended Whitworth University. She worked at Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church for over sixteen years in youth ministry and also as a Commissioned Ruling Elder focusing on missions and prayer ministry. Katie has a passion for spiritual formation and discipleship, is trained as a Spiritual Director and has led retreats. She is currently going to school full time, earning her M.A. in Theology from Whitworth University. Katie is married to Brad and has two children: Colin (10) and Maggie (5).

Today’s Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 Mark 1:21–28
Psalms 111 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Questions for Reflection

What is the name of the demon, the spirit, the idolatry you carry? If you can think of this answer as many “troubles,” try to find the root cause, a name to give to that which needs to be cast out. The answer may take different forms throughout the week. You may also consider the same question with regard to your family and to this nation. What is the Holy One casting out today in your presence?

Household Prayer: Morning

In the light of your new day, O God,
I rise to greet you always on the path in front of me.
Let me follow with integrity where you will lead.
Give me courage to know the difference
between what is false and what is true.
Teach me to love my neighbor as you love me. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Heavenly Father, you are the power above all powers,
the healer who knows our every need.
You have guided me throughout this day
and now give me sleep to renew my tired body and mind.
Guard me and keep me in your care. Amen.

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